

SSCF visits logistics, training sites

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Senior Service College Fellows, accompanied by SSCF Director James Oman, visited the U.S. Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, California, and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, Oct. 20-22.

According to Oman, the trip began at Logistics Base Barstow, Oct. 20, where fellows learned of the base's railhead, a type of train depot where supplies converge for distribution.

"The railhead supervisor discussed the role of the Movement Control Center, railhead operations, and how it supports the vehicular movement of the units participating in rotations at the National Training Center in nearby Fort Irwin," Oman said.

The fellows also visited the Fleet Support Division, where they learned about vehicular fleet preservation efforts and the management and disposition of entire families of vehicles across all services. They also toured the Production Plant Barstow-Marine Depot Maintenance Command where the plant manager shared how the depot supports the warfighter. During the tour, fellows observed work being conducted on the plant line.

On Oct. 21, the fellows visited the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, one of the Army's "dirt" combat training centers. According to Oman, the NTC visit provided the fellows "with firsthand exposure to the latest technological advances in training."

"[The visit] enabled them to observe the vital role that the NTC plays in preparing individuals, leaders and units for combat deployments," he said.

While at the NTC, fellows learned about the Leader's Training Program, visited the 916th Sustainment Brigade and the Logistics Support Operation Center. They also stopped at the National Urban Warfare Center, where Oman



Fellows from the APG Senior Service College Fellowship Program Class of 2016, front row from left, Patrick Morse, Wing Young, Melanie Loncarich, and Willie Jackson, and back row, from left, Nick Saacks, Shauna Dover, Ben Pryor, Dan Schwartz and SSCF Director Jim Oman stand before the Painted Rocks, located near the entrance to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California during a visit to the NTC, Oct. 22.

Photo by Wing Young

said they received a "sights and smells" demonstration, learned about the instrumentation found within the village, and maneuvered from one building to another using tunnels routinely used by the opposing forces.

On the final day of the visit, fellows toured the Division Tactical Operations Center, where they observed the key roles of each staff section and learned about the center's ongoing rotational exercise.

"Afterwards, the fellows donned their helmets and body armor and loaded up into four High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) for an hour plus drive through the "maneuver box" to reach the 1st Brigade "Iron Horse" 1st Cavalry Division's Tactical

Operation Center," Oman said.

At the "Iron Horse" TOC, APG fellows met with numerous observer controller trainers and learned about their many faceted roles and responsibilities. They also met with the "Iron Horse" executive officer, who provided a synopsis of ongoing actions occurring within the brigade.

"The joint visit to the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and the NTC provided an exceptional and unique opportunity for the fellows to view and consider the many leadership challenges faced by the Army's and Marine Corps' leaders as they collectively prepare and support their respective services to defend our national interests," Oman said.

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