

AROUND THE REGIONS

SSCF Fellows Visit Capitol Hill

Fellows from the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Warren, Michigan; and Huntsville, Alabama, spent September 14–15 on Capitol Hill for a workshop as part of the 10-week PMT 401 Program Manager’s course.

Over the course of two days, the fellows heard from speakers representing a variety of viewpoints and perspectives on U.S. national interests and security. The workshop was arranged by Alan L. Freed Associates and hosted at the Capitol Hill Club.

Walter Oleszek (senior specialist in American government at the Library of Congress’ Congressional Research Service) served as the program moderator and provided an interesting overview of the evolution of power in Congress, touching on divided power, partisanship and the impact on policy making. Next, Jon Etherton (a defense and intelligence consultant and former professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology) discussed acquisition policy, reform and human capital initiatives. Lucian Niemeyer (president of Niemeyer Group and a former professional staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee’s Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee) described the function and responsibilities of the Senate Armed Services Committee and his role in support of the committee. After lunch, Sid Davis (former vice-president and Washington bureau chief of NBC News and former program director of Voice of America) provided his insights on the role of the media and its impact on U.S. national interests. The last speaker, Martin Russo (CEO of Russo Capitol Strategies and a former representative from Chicago) shared his thoughts on the role of lobbyists from his perspective as a current lobbyist and as a former member of Congress.



On day two, noted author Gordon Chang covered a vast amount of material as he provided his insights and assessments on China and North Korea and their impact on the national interests of the United States. Each speaker’s presentation provided a greater understanding of the workings of Congress and its relationship to the Department of Defense.

In the afternoon, the fellows had free time to visit their congressmen and women, explore the Capitol Hill buildings, sit in on senate hearings and observe votes. Many of the fellows obtained Capitol gallery passes from their senators’ and representatives’ offices, allowing them to observe legislation in action.

The two days spent on Capitol Hill gave each fellow a better understanding of the “bigger picture” and of the role each of them has played and will continue to play in providing support to the warfighter.

Hails and Farewells

DAU would like to welcome:

Theo Alexandre, OPS	PO2 Lauren Martin, USN, HRO
Karl Arunski, DSMC	Christopher Newborn, DSMC
Noel Bryson, CCM	Scott Perry, DSMC
Gregory Butler, LCIC	Christopher Phillips, DSMC
Craig Calhoun, ITO	Pedro Ramos Ramos, HRO
Dave Chennault, CCM	James Rivera, ITO
Rebecca Chisholm, MAKR	Bryan Roberson, STH
Derek Duchein, LCIC	Jack Roberts, OP-VS
Heath Ferry, LCIC	Paul Shaw, LCIC
Jason Hamilton, CNE	Charles Sumpter, HCI
Steven Henry, DSMC	Rodney Visser, LCIC
Pamela Jamieson, HCI	Sophie Webb-Lopez, HCI
Kimberly Kendall, LCIC	Frank Werman, CCM
Matthew Keough, DSMC	Rick Zeleznik, ITO



And bid farewell and best wishes to:

Sabrina Christian, LCIC	Erica Nixon, MAT
Brian Duddy, STH	Jackie Parker, PRM
Terry Durrett, STH	Luis Ramirez, LCIC
Thomas Fritz, DSMC	Robert Rea, CNE
Larry Heller, CNE	Brian Risi, OP-VS
Marcel Hood, MWT	Louis Tutt, HCI
Dwight Hunt, CNE	Nathan Washington, LCIC
Roland Kankey, STH	Terrisa Widener, HCI
Christopher Lawless, ITO	Erika Wilson, CNE
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