

APG Fellows graduate Program Manager's Course

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Senior Service College Fellowship Program

On Nov. 18, in Huntsville, Ala., Aberdeen Proving Ground fellows along with 14 classmates from Warren, Mich.; and Huntsville graduated from the 10-week Program Manager's Course. PMT 401 is DAU's rigorous, executive-level, case-based course. It is designed for experienced acquisition practitioners, specially selected for their potential as leaders of major acquisition programs, integrated product teams and major command division chiefs.

The course is constructed around eight overarching themes, involving, primarily, case studies of real-life, acquisition-related challenges and dilemmas. They provide each learner the chance to practice leading a program in a rapidly changing environment; leading program management operations in different acquisition phases; working effectively with higher headquarters and with industry; achieving and maintaining excellent customer relations; applying appropriate tools for the evolving information environment; working effectively with external organizations; and leading joint and international programs.

PMT 401 also hosts a Capitol Hill workshop, which provides the fellows with an overview and understanding of the U.S. Congress and the legislative process. The workshop examines current U.S. public policy issues with in-depth analysis of Congressional politics, decision-making and their implications to the DoD and nation. The workshop also provides the fellows the chance to discuss current issues of interest, on and off the record, with political experts and leading authorities who have experience in all aspects of the national policymaking process and the potential consequences to U.S. national interests in the coming years.



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APG fellows from left, Phillip Minor; Jonathan Reiner; Michael Danhires; Lareina Adams; Brian DeBlase; Scott Kelley; and James Shillingford.

The Senior Service College Fellowship Program is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for DoD's Acquisition community. A call for applications for selection/attendance in the class of 2017-18 will run from Jan. 23 to March 23. The course starts July 24. Program announcement information will be posted on

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center website, <http://asc.army.mil/web/>. Acquisition professionals from the fourth estate may also apply for consideration/selection.

For more information, visit the DAU website, www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx, or contact James Oman, james.oman@dau.mil, or 410-272-9470.