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National Park Service Ranger Keith Snyder describes the action at Antietam National Battlefield's "Bloody Lane," the many tough choices made by leaders, the outcomes, and their significance on the Battle of Antietam to visiting APG Senior Service College fellows Oct. 20, 2016.

Fellows visit Antietam Battlefield

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Personnel enrolled in the Class of 2017 APG Senior Service College Fellowship Program, or SSCFP, visited Antietam National Battlefield, Oct. 20, as the group's first staff ride of the academic year.

APG fellows Lareina Adams, Stephen Conley, Mike Danhires, Brian DeBlase, Jerry Harper, Scott Kelley, Phil Minor, Graciano Nikolich, Jonathan Reiner, and Jim Shillingford were joined by APG SSCFP Director Jim Oman on the trip to the Civil War battlefield in western Maryland.

National Park Service Ranger, Keith Snyder, served as the fellows guide and deftly shared his perspectives and insights throughout the staff ride.

The excursion provided a superb study on leadership and decision-making as well as afforded the fellows with the opportunity to "walk the ground" where more than 23,000 casualties had occurred earning the distinction of the

"bloodiest single day in American history."

Snyder skillfully explained the tactical, operational, and strategic decisions made by key Union and Confederate Army leaders and described how those decisions determined the immediate and long-lasting outcomes of the war. Through experiences such as this, the fellows gain a deeper appreciation for thinking critically, leadership choices, and the necessity to consider second and third order effects.

Future trips

In the spring of 2017, the SSCFP will travel to Europe. The fellows will visit several significant World War I and World War II battlefields. They will also visit the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, U. S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command the U.S. Army in Europe, and the Joint Multinational Readiness Center. At each command the fellows will meet with multiple senior leaders and learn about

the roles and missions associated with each organization.

Senior Service College Fellowship Program

The SSCFP is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for the Department of Defense Acquisition community. SSCFP announcement, call for applications for selection/attendance to attend the class of 2017-18, which starts on July 24, 2017 will run from Jan. 23, 2017 through March 23, 2017. Program information will be posted on the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center website at <http://asc.army.mil/web/>. Acquisition professionals from the fourth estate may also apply for consideration/selection. For more information, visit the DAU website at www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx or contact James Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.