

APG Fellows Conduct Warfighter Visit

On Oct. 10-11, the APG fellows, accompanied by Capital and Northeast SSCF Director **Jim Oman**, visited the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Barstow -Yermo Annex, Barstow, Calif., the National Training Center (NTC), and the Army's Fort Irwin, Calif.

At the Yermo Annex, the fellows visited the Movement Control Center (MCC) where they received an overview on the roles, missions, and responsibilities of the MCC. At the MCC, they learned about the railhead operations and their vital role in supporting the vehicular movement of the units participating in the NTC rotation. The fellows also visited and toured the Production Plant Barstow-Marine Depot Maintenance Command, where they gained an appreciation for how the depot supports the warfighters and observed the work conducted on the plant line. The day concluded with a visit to the Fleet Support Division where the fellows learned about vehicular fleet preservation efforts and the management and disposition of entire families of vehicles across all services.

The visit to the NTC provided the fellows with firsthand exposure to the latest technological advances in testing, training, and end-user application in a stressful environment that replicates the current operating environment. The fellows were welcomed to the NTC by the commanding general, Brig. Gen. Terry Ferrell, who, along with the NTC Chief of Staff, Col. Richard Wilson provided them with an overview of the NTC and Fort Irwin. The fellows visited the Division Tactical Operations Center, where they received a rotational in-brief that provided an overview of the ongoing rotational exercise. The fellows visited the Joint Center of Excellence, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, where they received a briefing that addressed the organizations' mission, structure/relationships, combat capabilities, support to the Services, and future challenges. The fellows also learned about the ongoing efforts in countering improvised explosive devices and terrorist explosive networks during their subsequent visit to local training sites. The joint visit to the MCLB Barstow-Yermo Annex and the NTC provided an exceptional and unique opportunity for the fellows to view and consider the many leadership challenges faced by the Army and Marine Corps' senior leaders.



West Region Presents at American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)

On Oct. 17, the West Region's **Joanne MacDonald-Morrow** provided an informative presentation to the American Society of Military Comptrollers, San Diego Chapter. The presentation highlighted financial management topics, including recent policy changes. More than 100 government, military and industry personnel attended, representing a diversified gathering of financial management and comptroller experience. The ASMC members were very interested and receptive—a true reflection of the teaming required by the financial/comptroller and acquisition communities in their quest to achieve successful acquisition outcomes within DoD.



West Region Participates in Operation Cookie Drop for Military Heroes

On Oct. 16, the West Region provided the Marines and Sailors of the *USS San Diego* with homemade cookies as a “thank you” to the men and women who bravely serve and sacrifice for our country. The *USS San Diego* is an amphibious transport dock with its home port in San Diego, Calif., and whose principal mission is to deploy the combat and support elements of Marine Expeditionary Units and Brigades. The ship supports amphibious assault, special operations, and expeditionary warfare missions. Every chance it gets, DAU recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. The West Region has a special connection to the *USS San Diego* since the ship's Combat Cargo Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Elisabeth Pagtakhan, is married to one of West Region's own, **Phillip Pagtakhan**. CWO2 Pagtakhan recently returned from a humanitarian deployment. The next cookie drop is scheduled for December—just in time for the holidays, ensuring our military heroes have a taste of home every chance they get.

