

INDUSTRY MANAGERS PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRIP

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At the conclusion of DSMC's Advanced Program Managers Course (APMC) 97-1, the College offered its industry students – for the most part industry managers from a wide diversity of defense industries – a field trip to visit several military activities. This was a unique opportunity for them to observe first-hand, the operations and support of some of the actual products of the acquisition process. During this year's trip, April 21-25, they visited the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif; the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif; the U.S.S. *Nimitz* in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego; the U.S.S. *Oldendorf* Destroyer and the U.S.S. *Houston* Submarine docked in San Diego, Calif.; and the Third Marine Aircraft Wing at Naval Air Station, Mirimar, Calif. Knowledgeable acquisition professionals at each installation hosted the students, providing briefings on their acquisition processes and specific equipment. As recent APMC graduates, the former students relished the opportunity to observe first-hand the products and processes they had only just recently studied in the classroom.

DSMC's industry students enjoy a unique opportunity in that they would not otherwise be given access to these military installations and to this type of feedback from the user's perspective. By participating in the College-sponsored Industry Managers Field Trip, they were able to cap their education in the new government acquisition policies by gaining first-hand information from the customer's perspective. As one industry graduate of the APMC stated, "It was a fascinating and extremely informative week getting to know the users, and seeing the weapons being exercised in their intended environment."



DR. JAMES PRICE, DEAN, RESEARCH, CONSULTING, AND INFORMATION DIVISION, DSMC, GETS A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE AIR FORCE'S F-16 FIGHTING FALCON AT EDWARDS AFB, CALIF.

FROM LEFT: VINCE GARCIA, MIKE LOMBARD, AND BOB MORRIS, PRATT & WHITNEY STUDENTS, DISCUSS AIR FORCE ENGINE ISSUES WITH A PRATT & WHITNEY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE 412TH PROPULSION FLIGHT COMPONENT REPAIR SQUADRON AT EDWARDS AFB, CALIF.



MECHANICS OF THE 81ST REPAIR COMPANY AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, FORT IRWIN, CALIF., DEMONSTRATE THE REPAIRING AND REBUILDING OF AN M-1 ABRAMS TANK TURBINE ENGINE.



APMC 97-1 INDUSTRY STUDENTS GATHER AROUND AN M-1 ABRAMS TANK TO OBSERVE AN AFTER ACTION REVIEW BY MEMBERS OF 4-64 ARMOR GROUP IN THE DESERT AT FORT IRWIN, CALIF.

FROM LEFT: LEON SHIFFLETT, SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT, ARMY BRIG. GEN. RICHARD A. BLACK, DSMC COMMANDANT, AND DENNIS WILL, NORTHROP GRUMMAN, DISCUSS EQUIPMENT AND TACTICS WITH A SOLDIER (SECOND FROM RIGHT) AFTER THE BATTLE IS OVER AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER.

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APMC INDUSTRY STUDENTS RECEIVE A BRIEFING ON F/A-18 OPERATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. 1ST ROW, FROM LEFT: MIKE LOMBARD, PRATT & WHITNEY; CRAIG VAN SCHILFGAARDE, TRW; BOB NORMANDY, MITRE; DENNIS WILL, NORTHROP GRUMMAN; BOB MORRIS, PRATT & WHITNEY. 2ND ROW, FROM LEFT: GEORGE KRICKORIAN, DSMC INDUSTRY CHAIR; DEBBIE ALBIOL, THE AUTOMATION GROUP.



CARRIER OPERATIONS
ABOARD THE U.S.S.
NIMITZ AT SEA NEAR SAN
DIEGO, CALIF.



A U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT (SECOND FROM LEFT) SERVES AS GUIDE AND EXPLAINS BATTLE PLANS ON THE DESERT AT FORT IRWIN, CALIF., TO APMC INDUSTRY STUDENTS LOU JOBINS, ROBBINS-GIOIA; VINCE GARCIA, PRATT AND WHITNEY, AND CRAIG VAN SCHILFGAARDE, TRW.



STEVE VANWORMER, THE AEROSPACE COMPANY, PRESENTS THE APMC INDUSTRY STUDENT PLAQUE TO AIR FORCE COL. JIMMIE DOOLITTLE, VICE COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER, IN APPRECIATION FOR HOSTING THEIR VISIT. DOOLITTLE IS GRANDSON TO THE "ORIGINAL" JIMMIE DOOLITTLE, A MEMBER OF THE ARMY AIR CORPS, WHO IN WORLD WAR II LED THE INFAMOUS "DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS" ON A BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST THE JAPANESE ON DECEMBER 21, 1941, EXACTLY TWO WEEKS TO THE HOUR AFTER NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR REACHED WASHINGTON.

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APMC INDUSTRY STUDENTS WERE FLOWN TO THE U.S.S. *NIMITZ* DURING SEA OPERATIONS OFF THE COAST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THIS C-2 GREYHOUND AIRCRAFT. SAFE ARRIVAL AT THE NORTH ISLAND NAVAL AIR STATION, AFTER BEING CATAPULTED OFF THE U.S.S. *NIMITZ* (ZERO TO 146 MILES PER HOUR IN THREE SECONDS).



LEON SHIFFLETT, SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT, PRESENTS THE APMC INDUSTRY STUDENT PLAQUE TO VICE ADM. BRENT BENNETT, COMNAVAIRPAC, FOR HIS BRIEFING ON THE NATURE AND ROLE OF U.S. NAVY CARRIER AIRCRAFT PRESENCE WORLDWIDE.