

Senior Service College Fellowship—CNE Tour Key Defense Agencies, Conferences, and Contractors

Throughout the fall, the Capital and Northeast Region's Senior Service College Fellows from Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Md., strengthen their leadership competencies and hone their understanding of the acquisition field through visits to an array of defense-related events, site, and organizations as well as dialogue with senior-level Army acquisition leadership.

The group began October with a visit to the National Training Center (NTC) in Fort Irwin, Calif. While at NTC, the Fellows received informative briefings on terrorist explosive networks, robotics/IED exploitation, and biometrics. These briefings set the stage for a visit to the maneuver box to see the villages of Ertebat Shar and Shar-e Tiefert where the Fellows observed the rotational unit interact with the villagers, national governmental forces, and respond to the many threats generated by the local insurgents.

Later in the month, the Fellowship attended the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C. The Fellows toured the displays of over 500 industry and military exhibits. After which, they attended the Eisenhower Luncheon with Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., Army Chief of Staff, as the keynote speaker and the Department of the Army Civilian Luncheon where the Hon. Joseph Westphal, the Under Secretary of the Army, spoke.

In November, the Fellows toured Northrop Grumman Electro Systems (NGES) in Linthicum, Md. During the visit, the Fellows and members from senior leadership at NGES discussed recent acquisition reforms such as the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 and the ongoing challenges

of working in the acquisition field. Then, tours were given of the Material Distribution Center, Surface Mount Technology, Advanced Microelectronics Cell, Auto Circulator and Radiator Line, and the British Aircraft Corporation 1-11.

In recognition of Veteran's Day, the Fellowship went on a staff ride of the Antietam National Battlefield. The excursion provided an excellent study on leadership decisions which were made by senior commanders during the Civil War.

The group gained unique insight from their guide, National Service Park, Ranger Keith Snyder's ability to make the connection between the decisions and difficulties facing the Union and Confederate commanders and the modern day challenges of senior-level leadership within the Defense Acquisition Workforce.

On post, the Fellows toured various APG organizations and heard from top-acquisition leadership: Mr. Conrad Whyne, Director U.S. Army, Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) and BGN. Lee S. Price, Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, and Communications.

(Tactical). Later, Dr. James J. Streilein, Executive Director, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command came to the Fellowship to provide perspective on the strategic leader environment.

Hands-on in the field, experiential learning reinforces classroom education by providing interactive academic environments that produce memorable experiences. The series of carefully selected defense-related tours and visits coupled with the learning acquired in the classroom produce the high-quality education needed to propel the SSCF Fellows into higher-level positions and responsibilities.



DAU Attends and Presents at the IPM Conference

Ms. Miriam Cohe, Department Chair, Budgeting, Cost Estimating, and Financial Management (BCEFM); **Mr. Bob Carlson**, BCEFM Deputy Director; **Mr. Bob Gustavus**, Professor Financial Management; **Dr. Charles Augustine**, Program Management; and Leadership, **Ms. Kim Hunter**; Professor Earned Value Management; and **Mr. Jim Rego**, Professor from the West Region attended the 22nd International Integrated Program Management (IPM) Conference Nov. 8–10, Bethesda, Md.

The IPM Conference was co-sponsored by the National Defense Industry Association, Project Management Institute-College of Performance Management and Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis. The conference attendance was 629.

DAU manned a booth providing conference participants with information about the DAU mission.

Carlson taught CPM-100-A, Project Integration and Scope Management and Gustavus taught CPM-100-C, Quality Management. The training was part of the College of Performance Management's EVM training track.

Hunter is an active member of the CPM Test Committee and procured, graded, and recorded the EVM certification testing that occurred on the last day of the conference.



Mr. Rego, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Cohe, and Mr. Gustavus man the DAU booth.