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Senior Service College Fellow (from left to right) Graciano Nikolich, Brian DeBiase, Jerry Harper, Chad Stocker, Jim Shillingford, Stephen Conley, Kathleen Lytle, Jonathan Reiner, Mike Danhires, Phil Minor, Mike Fraley, John Gates, Scott Kelley, and Lareina Adams, during a visit to U.S. Central Command in January 2017.

A look at combatant commands

Senior Service College fellows visit CENTCOM, SOCOM, and PEO-STRI

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The latest trip for fellows enrolled in the Defense Acquisition University's Senior Service College Fellowship, or SSCF, program at APG and Warren, Michigan, took them to the sunshine state, Jan. 24-26.

Accompanied by APG SSCF Program Director Jim Oman and Warren SSCF Program Director Debbie DiCesare, fellows visited U.S. Central Command, known as CENTCOM, and U.S. Special Operations Command, known as SOCOM, in Tampa, Florida. They also visited Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, known as PEO-STRI, in Orlando, Florida.

The trip began at CENTCOM where fellows were greeted by Maj. Gen. Edward Dorman III, director of Logistics/Engineering, J-4. They later received several briefings that provided each of the fellows with a deeper understanding of the roles and missions being executed by CENTCOM. Briefings focused on theater campaign plans, current operations, logistics, and science & technology.

At SOCOM, fellows received a command overview briefing from James Smith, deputy director for Acquisition, Special Operations Forces Acquisition Logistics and Technology and a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES).

Smith provided a snapshot of the many roles, missions, and responsibilities associated with the SOCOM. The fellows also heard from the Chief - Integration, Legislative and Strategic Actions and the Chief - Policy and Funds Control Special Operations Financial Management, who shared their insights and perspectives on

the past, current, and projected SOCOM budget.

The next day, fellows traveled to Orlando to visit PEO-STRI. The fellows were greeted by Cherie Smith, SES, deputy Program Officer, PEO-STRI. The visit in Orlando included numerous stops and briefings from multiple members from PEO-STRI as well as from other leaders representing the U.S. Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulations, and the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division. The fellows also heard from members of academe as well as visited the Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Laboratory and the Army Research Laboratory (Orlando).

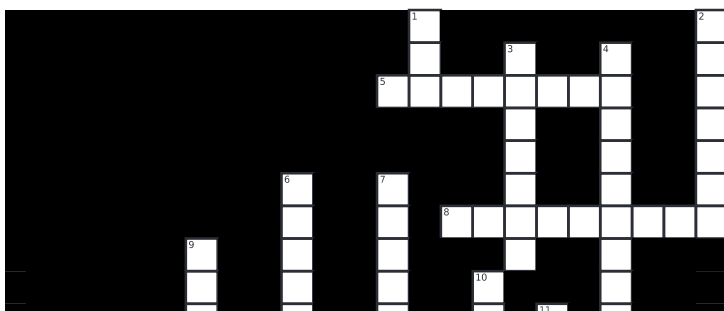
This on-site, interactive trip deepened the fellows' understanding of the role played by combatant commands in protecting national interests as well as afforded an opportunity to examine and learn about some of the latest modeling, simulations, and gaming capabilities available to our warfighters.

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The application period for the 2017-2018 SSCFP class, which starts July 24, is currently open. Applications will be accepted through March 23. Non-Army personnel may also apply and must submit their applications IAW Army DACM process.

For complete program announcement information and application requirements, visit <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/programs/defense-acquisition-university-senior-service-college/>. For APG specific program information, visit <http://www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx> or contact Jim Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.



17. On Sept. 18, 1850, President Millard Fillmore signed into law the _____ Slave Act, which gave provisions for returning runaway slaves to their owners.

19. Before becoming the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan was the president of the Screen Actors _____, a labor union representing actors.

21. Number of presidential elections won by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

22. This 23rd president installed the first electric lights in the White House, in 1891.

was the first to be given a Secret Service code name—"General!"

11. President Thomas Jefferson established, designed, set up the curriculum and selected the faculty for this university.

14. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is known for the series of 30 evening radio conversations he broadcast from 1933 to 1944 known as _____ chats.

16. He was the president during the Apollo 11 moon landing, which signaled the end of the moon race.