

## CFC Kicks Off



The 2013 Combined Federal Campaign has begun at DAU Fort Belvoir. The Campaign runs from Sept. 1, 2013 through Jan. 15, 2014. The campaign is being coordinated through the AT&L Leadership of William Hicks and coordinated at DAU by **Cheryl Clark**. The CFC team comprises 18 Key Workers. The Department Key Workers this year are:

**Keith Bare**, CNE-BCF

**Jock Brown**, PR

**Jung Chang**, HR

**Cheryl Clark**, OP-CL, OP-IS, OP-MA, OP-VS

**Mirhana Cook**, LCIC

**Ellen Davidson**, Protocol & OPS

**Emma Duhart**, CNE-CM

**Dan Durnell**, LCIC

**Debbie Gonzalez**, OP-VAP

**Aletha Holmes**, GLTC

**Johnnie Kennedy**, CNE-PM

**Becky Lane**, DSMC

**John Lawless**, PPLS

**Rose Lowes**, PRM

**Kristen Russell**, CNE & CNE-LM

**Sherri Taillie**, DSMC

**Erin Torres**, Acker Library

**Robin Stephens**, CNE-E&T

We also are planning several fundraisers again this year. The prizes for the fundraisers have been provided by the DAU Alumni Association. The fundraisers include:

1. Bake Sale (at the Rock the Quad cookout)
2. Silent Auction—Wine and Cheese Basket
3. Chili Cookoff
4. Candy Jar Guessing Game
5. Candy Grams—We're selling large candy bars for \$1.50, which you can personalize with a message for delivery to DAU personnel on campus.

## APG Fellows Visit Antietam National Battlefield

The Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Class of 2014 fellows—Jerry Cook, John Crone, Thomas Haduch, Stacey Kerwien, Matthew Maier, Adam Parlow, Lori Remeto, and Michael Stanka—accompanied by APG Senior Service College Fellowship Director **Jim Oman**, visited the windswept Antietam National Battlefield in Western Maryland Oct. 25. National Park Service Ranger Keith Snyder guided the fellows through the battlefield.

The excursion provided an excellent study of the leadership decisions made by senior Army commanders—both Union and Confederate—during the early years of the Civil War, which culminated with the bloodiest single day in American history on Sept. 17, 1862. Mr. Snyder focused on the strategic, operational, and tactical decisions made by General McClellan and General Lee at the army level as well as many of those made by the corps and division commanders on the Union and Confederate sides. Mr. Snyder's uncanny



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 acquisition workforce was especially noteworthy and made a lasting impression on each of the fellows. Of particular interest to the

fellows was how decisions, often made on the fly, routinely caused an immediate short-term impact yet led to long-lasting consequences with strategic implications. Through experiences such as this, each of the fellows gained a deeper appreciation for the tough leadership choices made by leaders at all levels, the importance and influence that one leader can make on the outcome of a battle by being positioned at the right time and place, and the extreme importance of having modern weaponry in the hands of trained soldiers. The implications for our time were undeniable and made an extremely memorable day for everyone.

## Hot Topic Training Forum on IR&D Held

The DAU Alumni Association hosted an interactive Hot Topic Training Forum titled “What an Acquisition Professional Wants and Needs to Know About Independent Research and Development (IR&D)” Nov. 14. Presenter Jaymie Durnan, Senior Advisor to the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, provided information designed to help employees explore or enhance IR&D in their respective organizations. This included a description of IR&D, an introduction to the Defense Innovation Marketplace, a presentation representing the type of information submitted by industry into a secure portal containing more than 8,000 unclassified IR&D projects, and participation in a session intended to shape the future of IR&D information requested by the DoD.

Currently the United States operates at the forefront of new and emerging technology, so it is well positioned for long-term gains in IR&D. The field of IR&D

has officially existed since 1934, and organizations currently receive \$3-4 billion in reimbursements annually for costs associated with these projects. Because IR&D projects aren't federally funded, any intellectual property and data rights remain with the originating organization, making it a worthwhile investment.

The Defense Innovation Marketplace was created as a way to enable open communication between DoD and industry partners and can be accessed at <http://www.defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/>.

For industry, the marketplace is a resource for information about DoD investment priorities and capability needs. Industry also uses this site to submit proprietary IR&D summary reports, which are separately stored. For government, the marketplace provides access to search tools to assess and then leverage industry IR&D projects for current and future programs.