

### Aberdeen Proving Ground SSCF Holds Commencement Ceremony for Sixth Graduating Class

Eight graduating fellows received their Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) program diplomas in a ceremony held May 19 at the Mallette Hall Auditorium, Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland. The ceremony celebrated the completion of the 10-month program of study focused on leadership and acquisition.

Matthew Lee, Bill Leonard, Gary Lichvar, Ayo Omololu, Lisa Sanders, Oral Walker, Randy Wheeler and Jennifer Worton received their diplomas in front of 75 friends, family members, SSCF alumni and distinguished guests, which included five locally serving members of the Senior Executive Service. Participating in the ceremony were guest and keynote speaker, Program Executive Officer Stephen D. Kreider, Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare, and Sensors; Regional Academic Director Jean Russell, Webster University; and Dean **Joanne S. Schoonover**, Capital and Northeast Region.

Schoonover, the host of the ceremony, congratulated the fellows on their accomplishments and hard work during her opening remarks and recognized the APG community for continuing their strong support of the SSCF program. Schoonover explained the importance of the fellowship program, noting that “we applaud the work that will set you up for your future endeavors in serving the armed forces.”

In his keynote address, Kreider congratulated the fellows for their dedication in participating in the fellowship program. He emphasized the importance of applying their newly acquired skills to be more capable leaders who are comfortable and effective in operating in a new environment as they return to the workforce. He closed by asking the graduates of the class of 2015 to identify what their legacy would be and by asking them to consider what and how they would give back in terms of their investment in other people. He succinctly concluded his remarks by challenging

each of the fellows to “reinvest in the lives of others.”

The SSCF is a challenging program that encompasses many areas. During the 10-month program, the fellows completed the Program Managers Course (PMT 401), Leading in the Acquisition Environment (ACQ 450), Forging Stakeholder Relationships (ACQ 452), Leader as Coach (ACQ 453) and a National Security module taught by faculty members from the Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College (USAWC). They also heard from



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multiple senior leaders, including numerous general officers, SES members and political appointees; conducted industry and governmental organization visits and went on a wide variety of warfighter-focused visits to the National Training Center, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. European Command, among other places.

The year’s fellowship culminated with a discussion-intense battlefield staff ride at Gettysburg, Penn-

sylvania, led by a historian, Col. Paul Jussel (U.S. Army, Ret.), who is a professor of military history and strategy in the Department of Military Strategy, Planning and Operations, USAWC. The Gettysburg staff ride emphasized many lessons on being an effective leader, as well as demonstrated the importance of leadership and how one determined leader can make a significant difference.

### George’s Café Reopened



George’s Café, located in Building 207, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, reopened its doors July 13 as the first tenant in nearly three years. The building has been vacant since the fire in Aug. 2013, but renovations have provided office space, breakout rooms and the new cafeteria. Stocked with state-of-the-art equipment, the fully rebuilt kitchen serves breakfast and lunch to DAU faculty, staff and students from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Although the café has only recently opened, its management is already soliciting feedback from customers to further tailor the menu to customers’ preferences. Questions and feedback about George’s Café can be directed to [Marcus Haskell \(marcus.haskell@dau.mil\)](mailto:marcus.haskell@dau.mil).