

## AROUND THE REGIONS

### An Interview with Lisa Sanders—SSCF Fellow 2014–2015

#### What were your motivations for entering the program?

It provided the opportunity to complete senior service college in conjunction with several Level 4 acquisition courses such as PMT 401. In addition, the opportunity to broaden my exposure to Army leadership was important to me since I come from a joint background, but have mostly worked with Navy and Air Force leaders.

#### What SSCF Activity do you most look forward to?

The opportunity to meet with EUCOM, AFRICOM and NATO leaders in their headquarters and the follow-on visits to the Normandy battlefield will help broaden my awareness of a theater of operation I have limited experience with.

#### How is SSCF preparing you to achieve your long-term goals?

By completing my senior service college requirement, I'm becoming positioned to move into management of a major acquisition program. Returning to direct program management from years in the science and technology world is very important to me.



#### What do you expect to be your biggest challenge during the SSCF program?

Balancing the diverse workload being required by our DAU professors, our Webster professors, the senior research project and the additional learning seminars being held during the program. This requirement is very similar to the workplace, but very different from a typical academic environment.

#### Describe one takeaway from the past 2 months?

There's always more to learn, even about topics that you've covered multiple times.

#### Any additional thoughts?

I just want to thank the 4th Estate career program for making this opportunity available to me. I'm humbled by the caliber of acquisition professionals that the Army has nominated for the SSCF, and honored by my inclusion.

*Lisa Sanders is a fellow participating in the 10-month SSCF program at Aberdeen.*

### Congratulations to...

Congratulations to DAU's protocol director, **Caren Hergenroeder**, and her husband Matt on the birth of their son, Matthew Leo Hergenroeder, who was born Sept. 29, and weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Mom, Dad, big sister Sydney Rose and baby are doing well.

