

Senior Service College Fellows Receive Conflict, Cooperation, and U.S. National Interests Training on Capitol Hill

Fellows from the Senior Service College Fellowship at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Warren, Mich., and Huntsville, Ala., spent Sept. 20-21, on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., for a Capitol Hill Workshop as part of the 10-week Program Manager's Course (PMT 401). Over the course of two days, the Fellows heard from speakers representing a variety of crucial viewpoints and perspectives on U.S. national interests and security. The workshop was arranged by Alan L. Freed Associates, Inc., and hosted at the Capitol Hill Club.

Walter Oleszek, senior specialist in American Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, served as program moderator and provided an overview of "The Evolution of Power in Congress," which touched upon policymaking and partisanship. Next, Kenneth Duberstein, former chief of staff, Reagan Administration, explained his experience in the Reagan White House and the demands of serving as chief of staff. Jon Etherton, defense and intelligence consultant and former professional staff member, discussed transformations and issues in acquisition policy. After lunch, Afshin Molavi, Fellow, New American Foundation, described working as an Iranian-American reporter covering pivotal events in the Islamic Republic of Iran. His personal experiences and reflective

anecdotes effectively depicted the rise to power of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The last speaker of the day, Charles Cushman, associate dean, Graduate School of Political Management, The George Washington University, spoke about the growth in complexity of the U.S. system of governing and its subsequent distribution of power.

Day 2 of the training featured Lucian Niemeyer, professional staff member, Senate Armed Services Committee, who described the func-



tion of the Senate Armed Services Committee and his role in support of the committee. The last speaker, Larry LaRocco, former Democratic Representative from Idaho, examined the current dynamics of Congress and relationships of its members. All speakers presented a unique reflection on their areas of expertise, which in turn impressed upon the Fellows a greater understanding of the workings of Congress and its relationship to DoD.

The Fellows were given free time to visit their Congressmen and women, explore the Capitol buildings, and sit in on Senate or House Committee and Subcommittee hearings. Several of the Fellows obtained Senate Gallery passes from Senators' offices to observe legislation in action. From their seats above the Senate Floor, the Fellows watched Arizona Senator John McCain and Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman present arguments against and for, respectively, the passing of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

These two days spent in the heart of the nation's capital provided a framework for the Fellows' understanding of their role as civil servants working in support of American interests and security. Appreciation for the "bigger picture" goals of maintaining and promoting core American values will ultimately enable the Fellows to provide better support to the warfighter and leadership within their organizations.

Bryant Partnership Renewed

On Sept. 23, **Dave Scibetta**, Director, Operations Support Group, and Jan McKee, Principal of the Bryant Alternative High School (BAHS), signed the annual renewal for Partnership at a ceremony at the Officers Club, Fort Belvoir, Va. This partnership, in coordination with the Fairfax County school system, supports a number of events throughout the school year including food drives, an annual clothing drive, Thanksgiving luncheon, mentorship, equipment donations, graduation awards, audiovisual productions, and a robust student cooperative training program. The DAU Alumni Association also presents annual cash awards at the graduation award ceremonies to selected students.



Ms. McKee and Mr. Scibetta.