

Fellows graduate from Program Manager course

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala.— On Nov. 18, in Huntsville, Alabama, APG Senior Service College fellows, along with their 14 classmates from Warren, Michigan, and Huntsville, graduated from the 10-week long PMT 401 Program Manager's course.

PMT 401 is Defense Acquisition University's rigorous, executive-level, and case-based course. It is designed for experienced acquisition practitioners, specially selected for their potential as leaders of major acquisition programs, integrated product teams, and major command division chiefs.

The course is constructed around eight overarching themes involving primarily case studies of real life acquisition-related challenges and dilemmas.

These case studies provide each fellow with the opportunity to practice:

- Leading a program in a rapidly changing environment
- Leading program management operations in different acquisition phases
- Working effectively with higher headquarters; working effectively with industry
- Achieving and maintaining excellent customer relations
- Applying appropriate tools for the evolving information environment and



Senior Service College Fellowship Program fellows pose for a photo after graduating the PMT 401 Program Manager's Course at Huntsville, Alabama, Nov. 18, 2016.

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- Working effectively with external organizations; and leading joint and international programs.

PMT 401 also hosts a Capitol Hill workshop which provides the fellows with an overview and understanding of the U.S.

Congress and the legislative process. The workshop examines current U.S. public policy issues by providing an in-depth analysis of Congressional politics, decision-making, and their implications to the Defense Department and the nation. The workshop also provides the fellows with the opportunity to discuss current issues of interest – on and off the record – with political experts and leading authorities who have experience in all aspects of the national policymaking process and the potential consequences to U.S. national interests in the coming years.

The SSCFP is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for the Department of Defense Acquisition community. The SSCFP call for applications for selection/attendance to attend the class of 2017-18, which starts on July 24, 2017 will run from Jan. 23 through March 23, 2017. Program announcement information will be posted on U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center website at <http://asc.army.mil/web/>. Acquisition professionals from the fourth estate may also apply for consideration/selection.

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