

CNE Region's 2011 Leadership Conference

CNE Region leaders conducted their annual leadership conference Aug. 15-17.

Bob Daugherty, dean, CNE, was joined by the senior leaders of the region, including **Karon Curry**, associate dean for outreach and mission assistance; **Judy Fleming**, associate dean for academics; **Vance Gilstrap**, director, Major Defense Acquisition Programs; **Jim Oman**, director, Senior Service College Fellowship program and site director, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; **Miriam Cohe**, department chair, Business, Cost Estimating and Financial Management; **Gary Hagan**, department chair, Program Management; **Sterling Mullis**, department chair, Engineering & Technology; **Jim Curry**, incoming department chair, Logistics Management (LM); **Steve Brown**, outgoing department chair, LM; **Ann Marie Connery**, incoming department chair, Contract Management; **Raleigh Jimenez**, outgoing department chair; and **Mike Skaines**, director of operations.

The conference consisted of reviews, updates, and briefings that provided each participant with a shared situational awareness. A review of CNE FY11 goals was conducted as well as a series of department chair “year in review” presentations. Department chair briefings addressed FY11 department highlights, explored topics of interest within each goal category of curriculum development, mission assistance, infrastructure, transformation, faculty and staff additions and departures, and FY12 goals and objectives. Discussions, focused at the regional level using Think Tank as an aid, examined a multitude of topics that included quality of life issues, management of faculty workload, faculty, and office space issues, AcqDemo, Better Buying Power, certification to qualification, Individual Development Plans/FCAP/FCAR/Faculty Plan linkage, to name but a few.

A key aspect of the conference was the opportunity to visit, participate in a staff ride, and learn about the Antietam National Battlefield on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Throughout the excursion, CNE leaders heard about the strategic goals and objectives of the commanding generals for both the Union and Confederate armies, gained a deeper understanding of the events leading up to the battle, the actions and fighting that occurred on Sept. 17, 1862, and the activities that transpired at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels after this pivotal event. Equally important was the opportunity to learn about the crucial moments of the battle and the explanation of “why it is important to today’s leaders,” hear about the many challenges faced by the senior leaders, listen to countless leadership anecdotes, reflect upon the actions of the many commanders and examine their decisions and the consequences of these actions, and learn about the role technology played on the Antietam National Battlefield. At the conclusion of the experience, the CNE leaders left the battlefield with a deeper understanding of the importance of and the timeless nature of leadership.

Undoubtedly, the conference experience left the CNE leadership team better equipped to undertake the challenges faced as leaders in providing training and support to the acquisition workforce.



CNE leadership team at Burnside's Bridge, Antietam Creek, Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg, Md., Aug. 16, 2011.

Aberdeen Facility Is Moving

The greatly anticipated and long-awaited relocation of the Capital & Northeast Region Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) training facility site has begun with the successful movement of the TelePresence (TP) system in mid-September. The movement and occupation of the new facility will be completed by mid-October.

The new facility's opening marks an important milestone in the establishment of a permanent location for DAU on APG. The new facility will provide a significantly enhanced, first-rate capability designed specifically to support the delivery of DAWIA courses and operations associated with the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) program. The new, government-leased facility of approximately 12,000 square feet will consist of three DAWIA course classrooms, six student breakout rooms, a student lounge, a TP suite, one conference room, four faculty/staff offices, and an SSCF student room. In addition to SSCF Program and APG Site Director **Jim Oman** and SSCF Program Coordinator **Parker Bennett**, the APG team will be joined by faculty member **Johanna Klema**, professor of contract management. DAWIA courses are scheduled to start in full swing in the November/December 2011 time frame.

The location of the new DAU facility is within the secure confines of APG in an area known as the Government and Technology Enterprise (The GATE). APG is divided into two internally disconnected areas, north and south. The new location will be in a more easily accessible site on the northern side, closer to the majority of the APG Acquisition Workforce. The previous DAU site on the southern side of post at E5027 Blackhawk Road will close permanently and all DAU operations there will have ceased at the end of September 2011.

DAU faculty-provided DAWIA courses, however, will continue at the Mission Training Facility (MTF), operated by the United States Army Communications–Electronics Command (CECOM). The MTF is approximately 1 mile from the new DAU-operated facility on APG North. Instructors should note when coming to APG that the School Code “501F” indicates a course taking place at the DAU site at 6175 Guardian Gateway and School Code “501” denotes a course at the MTF, 6008 Jayhawk Road.

With the enhanced capability of conducting three concurrent courses at the new site, Capital & Northeast faculty can look forward to better meeting the DAWIA course needs of the APG community. Furthermore, the additional SSCF dedicated space will improve delivery of the fellowship program and its capacity to provide superior senior-level training and education to the future leaders of the APG community and the acquisition workforce.