

## CNE Fellows Visit the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the Department of Homeland Security

In April, the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) fellows visited key federal government offices and departments in the Washington, D.C., area, to hear from top senior leadership. On April 17, the CNE fellows visited the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (OACSIM) at the Pentagon. Senior leaders within the OACSIM provided an overview of their organization, the Army Facility Strategy 2020, ongoing facilities and energy initiatives and a military construction overview.

The fellows also met with Dr. Craig College, deputy chief of staff for installation management of OACSIM and a member of the Senior Executive Service. Dr. College provided insights into his roles and responsibilities and the strategic leader environment he operates within. The visit provided the fellows with a unique opportunity to learn about budget development and the various policies and programs that enhance readiness for those who live and work on Army installations.

The following day, the fellows visited the Department of Homeland Security. They received a series of briefings, met with multiple senior leaders, and wrapped up the visit with a tour and explanation of the capabilities, activities,



and actions performed at the National Operations Center. The presentations included a DHS 101 overview briefing that addressed the founding of DHS through the present, provided the organizational mission and responsibilities, and addressed its many diverse components and organizations. Similarly, the fellows received an Operations Directorate 101 briefing that focused on the unique responsibilities resident within this organization.

The fellows met and dialogued with multiple senior division-level leaders from the Operations Directorate as well as Frank DiFalco, deputy director, Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, and a member of the SES. The fellows also had the opportunity to hear from and talk with VADM Brian Salerno, deputy commandant for operations, United States Coast Guard. VADM Salerno discussed the Coast Guard's roles and responsibilities, ongoing initiatives, and the environment he operates within.

The opportunities to visit on-location other

federal offices, organizations, and departments such as OACSIM and DHS provided the fellows with a greater context and understanding for the current federal government environment in which our fellows, DoD's future senior leaders, will operate within upon graduation.

The 2011-2012 SSCF Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) class of eight fellows held their graduation ceremony May 16 at the Mission Training Facility's Auditorium, located on APG.

