

Senior Service College Fellows Visit Antietam National Battlefield

DAU's Senior Service College Fellowship Program (SSCFP) Class of 2015 fellows from Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG)—Joseph Garcia, Matt Lee, Bill Leonard, Gary Lichvar, Ayo Omololu, Lisa Sanders, Oral Walker, Randy Wheeler and Jennifer Worton—participated in their first staff ride of the academic year, Oct. 16. The fellows, accompanied by Jim Oman, APG SSCFP director, Ben Metcalfe, APG SSCFP coordinator and Cory Hall, APG education technician, drove to the Antietam National Battlefield in western Maryland where they joined National Park Service (NPS) ranger and staff ride leader Keith Snyder. Snyder deftly shared his perspectives shaped by his years of experience as a NPS ranger, his military service as a lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard and his education as a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

The excursion provided a superb study of the leadership decisions made by senior Army commanders during the Civil War. The concept of staff rides was introduced at the end of the 19th century to provide a secondhand experience of war that is helpful in developing and improving the professional education of soldiers and leaders. Snyder said, "The best way to understand the decisions, actions, mistakes and victories of leaders past is to stand on the ground where the events took place. The staff ride is the vehicle to gain this higher understanding."

The visit to the Antietam National Battlefield gave the fellows the opportunity to walk the ground where the bloodiest day in American history, where more than 23,000 casualties, occurred. The group enjoyed the focus Snyder put on the tactical, operational and strategic decisions the key Union and Confederate Army leaders made, along with how those decisions determined the immediate and long-lasting outcomes of the war.



Fellows from the APG Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the U.S. Soldier Monument, Antietam National Cemetery.

Through experiences such as this, the fellows gain a deeper appreciation for tough leadership choices as well as for an individual soldier's sacrifice during warfare and the modern-day implications are undeniable.

In the spring of 2015 the SSCFP fellows will travel to Europe, where they will visit several significant WWI and WWII battlefields. Additionally, they are scheduled to visit the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command and the U.S. Army in Europe. At each command the fellows will meet with multiple senior leaders and learn about the roles and missions associated with each organization.

DAU South Participates in Cyber Huntsville Tabletop Exercise



DAU South Dean **Mark Lumb** and Professor **Steve Mills** participated in a recently completed cybersecurity tabletop exercise (TTX), "Cyber Dancer," developed and hosted by Cyber Huntsville.

Started by Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle in 2010, Cyber Huntsville is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization made up of industry, government and academic institutions that are dedicated to making Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley region a nationally and internationally recognized cyber leader. TTX Cyber Dancer looked at three specific cyber-related scenarios affecting Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley. These scenarios provided the opportunity for collaboration among local, state and federal governments and Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, Alabama. The TTX was a great opportunity for the leadership of the entire community to work together to ensure the stability and resiliency of Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley following a cyber-related emergency. As a trusted member of the community, DAU was fortunate to be a part of this TTX. DAU intends to play a more active role in support of future exercises sponsored by Cyber Huntsville.