

AROUND THE REGIONS

Senior Service College Fellowship Enterprise Visits Gettysburg for Leadership Experience

The 2015 Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) from Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland; Huntsville, Alabama; and Warren, Michigan, along with their DAU program directors, converged in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, May 5–7 to participate in their capstone leadership experience.

Paul Jussel, U.S. Army War College faculty member and lead historian, led the Gettysburg staff ride as both a tour guide and a facilitator for dialogue, tying the events at Gettysburg to lessons in leader development, decision making, succession planning, intent, vision and acquisition, technology and logistical considerations, all of which are applicable in today's environment.

Before visiting the sites, Jussel presented the fellows with a strategic view briefing that provided both the historical context for the Confederacy's invasion of the north and the significance of the battle of Gettysburg.

During the staff ride, Jussel led the fellows to stops at the railroad cut on McPherson Ridge, Oak Hill and Seminary Ridge. During these

excursions, he discussed the roles and actions of leaders and subordinates during the battle, as well as the significance and the outcomes of each key decision. After stopping for lunch at the historic Dobbin House, the staff ride progressed onto the



Members of the 2015 SSCF Enterprise on "Little Round Top" during their visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park.

second leg of the tour, which included visits to the Peach Orchard, Devil's Den and Little Round Top, scenes of significant close-quarter combat, July 2, 1863. The ride continued along the front line trace of Cemetery Ridge, which represented the defensive positions held by the Union troops.

The final phase of the staff ride, which coincided with the third and final day of the battle, involved moving over to Seminary Ridge. Starting from the center of Seminary Ridge, the participants walked the final 1,500 yards across the open field, following the route Major General Pickett and soldiers from his division took. Throughout the walk, the fellows were able to experience and reflect upon the impact of decisions made by past senior leaders, as well as contemplate their future roles as they return to senior leadership positions within acquisition.

The staff ride concluded at the Gettysburg National Military Cemetery, with Jussel reciting President Lincoln's Gettysburg address and giving a closing thought on the significance of the National Policy and the impact the policy has on

those that serve in the United States Armed Forces. The Gettysburg staff ride provided the fellows with one last opportunity to come together as a cohort enterprise and reflect upon the past 10 months of leadership and acquisition training.

West Region Participates in Earthquake Drill by Jerry Munar

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) launched the **America's PrepareAthon!** campaign to provide an opportunity for both government employees and the general public to learn more about the hazards threatening our communities and to encourage them to develop action plans ahead of emergencies.

Through the **America's PrepareAthon!** website, FEMA provides resources for six common hazards: earthquake, flood, hurricane, tornado, wildfire and winter storms. The program is designed to prepare Service members, civilians and installations for the types of disasters they may encounter. All DoD components were encouraged to participate in the April 2015 **America's PrepareAthon!** The campaign culminated with the April 30 National PrepareAthon! Day.

In support of the campaign and National PrepareAthon! Day, DAU West conducted a simultaneous earthquake drill at 10:00 a.m. PST, April 30, at the California campuses in San Diego, Los Angeles and Port Hueneme; and at the Ford Island, Hawaii, and Hill Air Force Base, Utah, sites. Approximately 300 faculty, staff and students participated in the drill and practiced the actions of "drop, cover and hold on" for a brief period of time. For additional information on this effort, check out the **America's PrepareAthon!** website.



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