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Fellows from the Class of 2017, APG SSCF Program (from left) Mike Danhires, Jerry Harper, Brian DeBiase, Jonathan Reiner, Scott Kelley, Phil Minor, Stephen Conley, Jim Shillingford, and Lareina Adams stand before the Painted Rocks, Oct. 12, 2016, during a visit to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

Senior Service Fellows visit training and logistics sites

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Fellows currently enrolled in the APG Senior Service College Fellowship Program, accompanied by program director Jim Oman, visited two key military installations in California, Oct. 11-13.

National Training Center

Fellows visited the National Training Center, or NTC, at Fort Irwin, California on Oct. 11. The NTC is known as one of the Army's "dirt" combat training centers. The NTC visit provided the fellows with first-hand, eyes-on exposure to the latest technological advances in training and enabled them to observe the vital role that the NTC plays in preparing individuals, leaders, and units for combat deployments.

Col. Scott Cunningham, NTC chief of Reserve Components Operations welcomed the APG fellows and provided a brief overview of the center and Fort Irwin. Cunningham then led fellows on a tour of the NTC Division Tactical Operations Center, where they observed the key roles being accomplished by multiple staff sections as well as observed ongoing operations.

The fellows also visited the headquarters of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, or ACR.

Col. Joseph Clark, 11th ACR commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Stunkard explained the organizational structure of the regiment and their mission serving as the opposing force for the NTC.

Seated inside UH-60 Blackhawks, fellows

were given an aerial overflight of the "maneuver box" on their way to the Dragon Bunk, the command and control structure for live fire missions. At the bunker, fellows saw the control measures in place that contribute to safe yet realistic training events.

National Urban Warfare Center

The day concluded with a visit to the National Urban Warfare Center, or NUWC, and the fully-instrumented village of "Raz-ich." At NUWC, they received a "sights and smells" demonstration of the village, maneuvered from one building to another using tunnels routinely used by opposing forces, observed a pyrotechnics demonstration and experienced the realistic role players portraying villagers on the battlefield.

On Oct. 12, fellows donned helmets and loaded into High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles for the more than 30 minute drive through the NTC "maneuver box." The drive led fellows to the town of "Guba" where they met with several observer controller trainers who briefed them on the objectives of the lane training. Fellows had the opportunity to observe a military police platoon conducting movements through the village as they completed a mission to act upon intelligence in order to safeguard the populace.

MILES warehouse & NTC

headquarters

Next, the fellows visited the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, or MILES, warehouse. Following a tour of the warehouse, the fellows moved to the headquarters for the NTC Operations Group.

There, the fellows received a briefing on the current contracting acquisition strategy delivered by Cyle Fena, NTC deputy G-3. They also met with Col. Matthew Moore, NTC deputy commander/chief of staff, and currently the acting commander, for a question and answer session.

To conclude their visit to the NTC, fellows watched a previously recorded brigade level after action review which had been taped the day before.

On Oct. 13, fellows traveled to the U.S. Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California. During the visit, fellows learned about vehicular fleet preservation efforts at the Fleet Support Division, as well as the management and disposition of entire families of vehicles across all services. Lt. Colonel Timothy Silkowski, FSD director, accompanied the fellows on a windshield tour of the storage yards where he described various vehicles and weapon systems as well as their planned disposition.

The visit to Barstow also included a tour of the Production Plant Barstow-Marine Depot Maintenance Command; the railroad, where they learned about the critical role of the Movement Control Center in supporting rotations of units training at NTC, and Lindsay Stables where they learned about the Marine Corps Mounted

Color Guard.

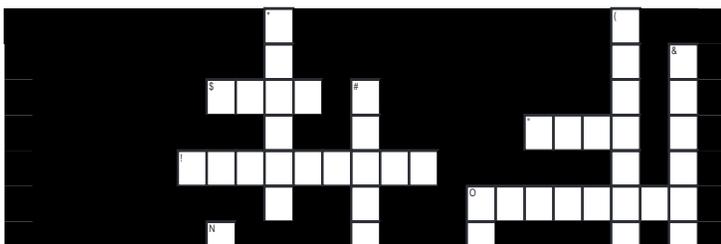
The fellows gained an appreciation of how the Logistics Base Barstow supports the warfighters as well as observed the work being conducted on the plant line during the facility tour.

According to SSCFP leadership, the joint visit to the NTC and the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow provided an exceptional and unique opportunity for the fellows to view and consider the many leadership challenges faced by the Army's and Marine Corps' leaders as they collectively prepare and support their respective services to defend our National interests.

Senior Service College Fellowship Program

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For more information, visit the DAU website at www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx or contact James Oman at james.oman@dau.mil or 410-272-9470.



10. "The _____" features real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren.

13. This Academy Award-winning actor was originally supposed to play the lead role of Max in "Hocus Pocus."

15. Head _____ was the original for "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

17. "Friday the 13th" was filmed at a real

filming the pool scene for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" because of a lack of heat on the set.

8. This actress was originally supposed to play the lead role of Sidney Prescott in the movie "Scream."

9. The movie "Final Destination" was based on an unused idea for this T.V. show.