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11/7 Senior Service Fellows Visit Training and Logistics Sites by Jim Oman
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From Oct. 11 to 13, the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Senior Service College Fellowship Program (SSCFP) Director, Jim Oman, led Class of 2017 fellows on a visit to the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, California, and the United States Marine Corps (USMC) Logistics Base Barstow, Barstow, California. The fellows are Lareina Adams, Stephen Conley, Mike Danhires, Brian DeBiase, Jerry Harper, Scott Kelley, Phil Minor, Jonathan Reiner, and Jim Shillingford.

The fellows first visited the NTC, one of the Army's "dirt" combat training centers. The NTC visit exposed the fellows to the latest technological advances in training and enabled them to observe the critical role played by the NTC in preparing individuals, leaders and units for combat. The fellows were welcomed by the Col. Scott Cunningham, chief of the Reserve Components Operations, who delivered the command overview briefing. The fellows toured the Division Tactical Operations Center, where they learned about the key roles being accomplished by multiple staff sections as well as observed ongoing operations. Afterwards, the fellows traveled to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR), where they met the commander, Col. Joseph Clark and the command Sgt. Maj. Michael Stunkard. Col. Clark briefed the fellows on the many missions performed by the 11th ACR in their capacity as the opposing force for the NTC. From the 11th ACR, the fellows traveled in UH-60 Blackhawks, which gave them an aerial overflight of the "maneuver box" on their way to the Dragon Bunker, the command and control structure for live fire missions. At the Dragon Bunker, the fellows received a live fire brief and saw the control measures in place that contribute to safe, realistic training events. Moving by UH-60s, the fellows' day concluded with a visit to the National Urban Warfare Center (NUWC). At the NUWC, the fellows received a facility overview and then moved into the fully instrumented village of "Razich" where they learned about the instrumentation found within the village, received a "sights and smells" demonstration, moved from one building to another using the tunnel system that is routinely used by the opposing forces, "experienced" the realistic role players portraying villagers/civilians on the battlefield, and observed a pyrotechnics demonstration.

The next day, the fellows traveled to the village of "Guba," where they met with several observer controller trainers. The trainers briefed them on the objectives of the lane training, and they observed a military police platoon moving through the village and interacting with the populace. Afterward, the fellows traveled to the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) warehouse where they received an overview on the system and toured the facility and the MILES yard. The visit concluded with a question-and-answer meeting with Col. Matthew Moore, deputy commander/chief of staff, and currently the acting commander, at NTC.

The fellows traveled to the USMC Logistics Base Barstow, Oct. 13, where they met with Col. Sekou Karega, the commanding officer for the base. Afterward, the fellows visited the Fleet Support Division (FSD), where they learned about vehicular fleet preservation efforts and the management and disposition of entire families of vehicles across all Services. Lt. Col. Timothy Silkowski, FSD director, accompanied the fellows on the ensuing windshield tour of the storage yards, where he described various vehicles and weapon systems as well as their planned disposition. The fellows also toured the Production Plant Barstow-Marine Depot Maintenance Command and the railhead operations. They concluded the day with a stop at the Lindsley Stables, where they learned about the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard. The fellows gained an appreciation of how Logistics Base Barstow supports the warfighters and observed the work being conducted on the plant line during the facility tour.

The joint visit to the NTC and USMC Logistics Base Barstow provided a 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.



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 Painted Rocks, near the entrance to the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, California, Oct. 12, at the end of their visit.

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