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U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center Conducts CDG/AAF Orientation, Induction, and Graduation

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL—The U.S. Army Acquisition Center Support Center (USAASC) Competitive Development Group/Army Acquisition Fellowship (CDG/AAF) Program graduated six and inducted 13 Fellows at its Orientation, Induction, and Graduation held March 7-9, 2011.

CDG/AAF is a 3-year leadership program that offers board-selected individuals leadership training, developmental assignments, and mentoring to gain experience and knowledge that prepare them to fill future critical acquisition positions and key leadership positions.

“You personally have to choose what your experience is going to be,” said Craig A. Spisak, Deputy Director, Acquisition Career Management and Director, USAASC, in advising the Fellows on how to succeed. “You have to take experiential opportunities and say, ‘I’m going to learn something. I’m going to do everything they ask me today. I’m going after challenges to prove to people, who don’t know me, that I am a superstar.’ ”

At the three-day forum, graduating and mid-term Fellows shared their developmental assignment experiences, while new inductees learned about expectations for their rotation into the program. The event culminated with a graduation dinner, where honored guest speaker Kevin Fahey, Program Executive Officer Combat Support and Combat Service Support, congratulated the Fellows and offered advice on achieving a successful leadership career. Build a strong core competency, focus daily on future career opportunities, and always keep the warfighter in mind, he said.

“It’s pretty easy to get caught up in your organization’s mission and vision, but for me it’s simple,” Fahey said. “My focus is always on the warfighter. ... Work as if your life depends on it because theirs do.”

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Spisak Remarks.jpg: USAASC Director Craig A. Spisak makes opening remarks at the CDG/AAF Orientation, Induction, and Graduation March 8, 2011. (Photo by Robert E. Coultas.)

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