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## **USAMRMC Cohort the Latest to Complete GSBPP's Advanced Acquisition Program**

*By NPS and USAMRMC Public Affairs*

A cohort of 29 academic certificate students from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) at Fort Detrick, Maryland celebrates the completion of their 12-month distance learning program in defense acquisition, the latest group through the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy's (GSBPP) long-standing Advanced Acquisition Program (AAP).

The cohort included a wide range of acquisition professionals from several Army commands located at USAMRMC, all focused on critical areas of force health protection via medical device programs, pharmacological solutions, injury and disease prevention, and wound care and rehabilitation – including traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

“The Army's foremost responsibility is to deliver ready, trained and equipped forces to meet the operational demands put before it,” said Dawn Rosarius, civilian deputy, Principal Assistant for Acquisition and U.S. Army Medical Command Acquisition Career Management advocate. “To achieve this goal, we need well-educated leaders with the necessary skills and abilities to meet future acquisition challenges. It's an honor to recognize these dedicated employees today for successfully completing all requirements of this program.”

“Getting needed medical technologies to the field means not only advancing the state-of-the-art, but with the added challenges of the DOD acquisition process and FDA approval,” added John T. Dillard, Academic Associate for the program, and a GSBPP senior lecturer. “Completion of this non-degree distance-learning program provided graduate education along with workforce training

certifications to enhance their decision-making ability, critical thinking, and expand their professional networks.”

The cohort was comprised of 11 Ph.D.s, two Doctors of Medicine and Pharmacy, 13 product/program managers or deputies, eight Army lieutenant colonels, an Army colonel, and a Navy captain. In addition to its in-depth acquisition and program management education, the AAP Phase II, III program also allows members to meet 10 current acquisition education and training requirements.

“The program provided almost all of the courses for Level II and Level III Program Management Acquisition Workforce certification, as well as business credits which are required for Army Acquisition Corps membership,” said Eva Rosvold, Army Acquisition Program manager in the USAMRMC Office of the Principal Assistant for Acquisition. “This cohort was a win-win for the USAMRMC ... It provided a cost-effective method to meet acquisition education and training requirements for the USAMRMC [Acquisition Workforce] without need for quotas or student travel.”

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