ISU College of Pharmacy alumnus, Gary Revello, ’75, recently provided a tour of one of the U.S. Army’s top medical centers to Pharmacy Dean Joseph Steiner.

Dean Steiner visited Madigan Army Medical Center while attending the annual APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Seattle.

Madigan Army Medical Center, an Army owned and operated Department of Defense tertiary care facility, is located at Fort Lewis, Washington. The current facility was dedicated and opened to patients in 1992.

Occupying more than 120 acres of land, this four-building structure operates 165 beds, (with a capacity to expand to 414), 14 operating rooms and 15 radiology suites supported by an automated transport system of robots, conveyor boxes and pneumatic tubes within the interstitial areas.

The nine-story hospital includes a three-floor outpatient clinic and four-floor support complex.

Revello, who has been employed with the Madigan Army General Medical Center Pharmacy for over 20 years, currently holds the position of Chief of Ambulatory Care Pharmacy.

Revello says he enjoys, and appreciates working for the Army medical center.

“Everything is state-of-the-art,” he said. “Military medicine leads the way in providing quality health care.”

A computerized system allows physicians to write prescriptions directly to the pharmacy.

“The prescription is in the system by the time the patient reaches the pharmacy,” he said.

The Madigan Pharmacy operates on a $40 million annual budget, employs 40 pharmacists and over 60 pharmacy technicians. The Madigan Medical Center averages almost one million outpatient visits each year, with an average daily census of 150 inpatients. The pharmacy fills over 3,000 outpatient prescriptions, 1,500 unit doses and 500 sterile products a day.

According to Revello, the Madigan Pharmacy administrators are interested in providing advanced practical experience to ISU College of Pharmacy students. Dean Steiner said the college would pursue this working preceptor relationship, to offer an excellent experience for fourth-year pharmacy students.

“The pharmacy department at Madigan is truly impressive in the scope of pharmaceutical care they provide,” Dean Steiner said. “Gary and his colleagues offer an excellent opportunity for our students to learn the practice of pharmacy in a modern health care institution.”