

Happy birthday! Army Reserve turns 105

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In most organizations, it would be unusual to have two dozen people celebrate a birthday on the exact same day, but that isn't the case for Army Reserve students at the Army War College.

April 23 marked the 105th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Army Reserve. The Army War College celebrated the anniversary April 17 with a lunchtime ceremony in Bliss Hall that featured a video teleconference keynote address from **Maj. Gen. Luis Visot**, Army Reserve Deputy Commanding General for Operations, the Army song, and a birthday cake.



Maj. Gen. Luis Visot, Army Reserve Deputy Commanding General for Operations, speaks to Army Reservists in Bliss Hall via teleconference during the 105th celebration of the establishment of the U.S. Army Reserve, April 17. The Army War College has an Army Reserve officer in each of the 24 seminars of the resident class.

Think about the Army Reserve's legacy, challenged Visot.

"What do you want to be remembered," he said. "Really think about the hearts and the minds of those you have come into

contact with on a day-to-day basis in your role as leaders of our nation."

My legacy could affect others in my field, said Army Reserve student **Col. Patricia Ten Haaf**. "I lay a path for traditional reservists and people in medical units to take command and responsibility that are new and unique to traditional roles we've played," she said. "I feel if I don't do it well, it will close doors for future Soldiers." After graduation, Ten Haaf, who is a nurse, will command the 452nd Combat Support Hospital in Milwaukee, Wi. This is unique because nurses normally do not command hospitals, she said.

The last decade has influenced my perspective, said Army Reserve student **Col. Robert Humphrey**. "The reserve has served as an integral and invaluable resource for the Army," he said. "How do we leverage going forward the continued integration within Human Resources Command of active and reserve components in support of the Army Reserve?" After graduation, Humphrey will be deputy director for the Office of Personnel Management at Army Human Resources Command.

Prior Army Reserve Soldiers' sacrifices and Army War College experiences have shaped my thoughts about legacy, said Army Reserve

student **Lt. Col. Daniel Cole**. "I hope to take what I've learned here and be a better leader to Soldiers," he said. Cole will be taking command of the Army Reserve Careers Battalion in Fort Story, Va. after graduation.

Currently, there's an Army Reserve officer in each of the 24 seminars of the resident class and 302 Army Reserve officers in distance education.

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