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Bob Woodward, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist with the Washington Post, spoke to Army War College students, staff and faculty in Bliss Hall Dec. 2. He spoke about his experiences during the Watergate investigation, lessons learned during his talks with Bush, and any advice he had for the incoming administration. Photo by Megan Clugh.

Dec. 3, 2008 – "You have to deal with the truth. Truth is a great remedy," said Bob Woodward, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, to Army War College students, staff and faculty in Bliss Hall Dec. 2.

Woodward backs up his words with more than 30 years of journalism experience at the Washington Post. He has covered many of the most important stories of the last few decades to include the Watergate scandal of the 1970's, to discussing the Iraq War with President George W. Bush. He focused on the importance of credibility between an author and his subject, and the challenges of writing on national security issues.

War College students asked Woodward about his experiences during the Watergate investigation, lessons learned during his talks with Bush, and any advice he had for the incoming administration.

"Bob Woodward's comments were candid, refreshing and often times very funny," said student Lt. Col. Irene Glaeser. "It was both provocative and entertaining. Many of us agreed this was our favorite speaker to date. He used the majority of his allotted time for question and answer, which ended up being his vehicle for weaving together illustrative stories from throughout his long career, such as how he first learned of President Ford pardoning President Nixon for Watergate."

Woodward was invited to speak to the students as part of the USAWC course that explores National Security Policy and Strategy.

"As a world renowned journalist with unprecedented access to the highest levels of American policy and decision making he was an ideal capstone speaker for the National Security Policy and Strategy course," said Col. Michael Moon, Department of National Security and Strategy "His thoroughly researched and documented books on the current administration's decisions on going to war in Iraq will no doubt be studied for years."

Woodward background

Bob Woodward has worked for The Washington Post since 1971. He has won nearly every American journalism award and the Post won the 1973 Pulitzer Prize for his work with Carl Bernstein on the Watergate scandal.

In addition, Woodward was the main reporter for the Post's articles on the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks that won the National Affairs Pulitzer Prize in 2002. Woodward was awarded the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency in 2003.