

## USAWC wishes Navy a happy 243rd birthday

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**CARLISLE, Pa. (Oct. 9, 2018)** – Established by an act of the Continental Congress in 1775, the United States Navy will celebrate its birthday Oct. 13. The theme for this year's birthday is, "Forged by the Sea," and for 243 years the naval instruments of national power have been tempered into today's dominating force capable of ensuring peace and stability from the depths of the sea to the stars above.

In a show of comradery, the joint student body and faculty of the Army War College came together today in Bliss Hall, with their shipmates, to mark the Navy's 243rd birthday.

"I think it's the sense of heritage, and being able to reflect on where we came from, and where we're going in the future," said Navy Cmdr. Greg Kirk when asked about the importance of the Navy's birthday.

"Along those same lines, understanding the sense of culture we have as a Navy. The history, the heritage and everything that's built our service culture and the foundations of what we believe in as a service. It goes back to understanding the differences of the ... services and moving forward on how we can work together in a joint environment by understanding those differences and the similarities we have as services," Kirk said explaining why it is important for the War College class to recognize the event.

Following a short presentation about their organizational culture, the Navy faculty and students welcomed their classmates into Bliss Hall Foyer for coffee, well wishe and some traditional birthday cake.