

USAWC celebrates Air Forces 71st birthday

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Air Force students of the Army War College, joined by their fellow classmates, faculty and staff, celebrated the 71st birthday of the United States Air Force in Bliss Hall, Sept. 18.

Lt. Col. Adam Bingham began the celebration with a video highlighting the history and dominance of the U.S. Air Force. "We are not all pilots, but we are 670 thousand airman who care deeply about our nation, we dominate in space, cyber space and air," said Bingham.

"When was the last time on the battlefield you heard jet noise, looked up and wondered who it belonged to" said Bingham. "Since the 15th of April, 1953, the last time a U.S. ground troop was killed by enemy air action, you have not had to – that is air superiority," he said.

There was a short news item, "The Candy Bomber," about Capt. Hal Halverson, a U.S. pilot during the Berlin Airlift, who became known worldwide as the, "Candy Bomber." During the airlift as Halverson's aircraft approached the landing strip into Berlin he would have candy air dropped to children on the ground as he passed overhead, as news spread of what he was doing he picked up the moniker "the candy bomber."

The celebration concluded with the singing of the Air Force song, "The U.S. Air Force."

There are 26 Air Force officers currently in the War College resident program and 4 in the distance education program. They represent the Air Reserve, Air National Guard and Active Duty personnel.

