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(September 10, 2010)--The Army War college community gathered Friday to share a moment of silence and remember the events of September 11, 2001, a day which lives on in the minds and hearts of many as one to never forget.

“This kind of event serves as a reminder of the past and helps give us a purpose for what we are going to do in the future,” said Col. Michael Benjamin, a seminar 3 student.



Carlisle Barracks Police Chief James Chesser rings the bell, signaling when the first tower at the World Trade Center was struck on September 11, 2001. Photo by Tom Zimmerman, Army War College Public Affairs Office.

Nearly three hundred people gathered on the Root Hall patio and listened to a narration of the events of September 11, a benediction and a playing of Taps as Soldiers lowered the flag half staff. The community stood in silence as the flag was lowered, the only sound made by the rings clanging against the pole.

“I think this serves as a point of unification,” said Col. John Carrell, a seminar 13 student. “It is so we never forget the sacrifices of those people who were killed and then later who served and died as a result of the response to September 11. This reminds us of the important values that this country stands for.”

A bell rang as the community recalled the efforts made by first responders at the sites of the attacks.

“We will not forget the first responders who ignored the danger and raced into the towers to save others,” said Lt. Col. Scott Rainey, who served as the narrator of the ceremony and recounted what happened in lower Manhattan, western Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon on that September morning, nine years ago.

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