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While celebrations took place wherever Marines are stationed around the world, Marine resident students of the Army War College had a celebration of their own in Bliss Hall, November 10 to commemorate the Marines 240 years of existence as our nation's expeditionary force.



“Each year on 10 November Marines around the world pause to commemorate the birthday of our Corps, said Marine Lt. Col. Victoria Kinsey, AWC resident student. “On this date or very near it, Marines conduct ceremonies at every Marine Corps base or station at home and abroad, at every American Embassy where Marines are posted, aboard every ship with embarked Marines and around the globe where Marines are engaged in combat operations today.”

Lt. Col. Victoria Kinsey was the host of the Marine Birthday celebration, Bliss Hall, Nov. 10

“Marines young and old, past and present gather to share a piece of birthday cake or an MRE biscuit to recall the corps long and illustrious history and pay tribute to our fallen comrades...Happy Birthday Marines,” Kinsey said.

Tradition dictates that the Marine Corps Order No. 47 be read every year on the Marines Corps birthday. This year Marine Lt. Col. Patrick Simon, resident Student had the honor of reading the order. Gen. Lejeune in 1921 order that on the anniversary of the Corps, that the order be republished each year. The order summarizes the mission, history and traditions of the Corps.



Lt. Col. Patrick Simon, resident student reads Marine Corps Order No. 47 during the Marine Corps 240th birthday celebration, Bliss Hall, Nov. 10.



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