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Drawing on 965 days as the flight lead, Air Force Chief of Staff gave a personal message to Army War College students on leadership.

On March 31, Gen. Mark A. Welsh III spoke to Army War College students at Bliss Hall. The 387 students of the resident course include 39 Air Force officers, and Welsh addressed both Air Force and Joint Force interests, expressing surprise when he is asked, “Why do we still need an Air Force?”

The aviation assets of the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy are fantastically good at what they do, but they can’t do what the Air Force does, he said. There is one Air Force in America, he said – contributing air superiority, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, global mobility and command-and-control. Air Force core missions are not going to change in the next 30 to 40 years, he said, but how we do them will change.



“When you leave here as strategic officers, your slate is clean. You will start all over again. Understand that we have an outstanding enlisted force that needs your leadership,” he said.

“The heritage we share is a gift, given by those who have gone before and magnified by those we stand beside.” Welsh said. “Leadership is also a gift. It’s given by those who follow and we have to be worthy

of it -- that's our job," he said.

Air Force Chief of Staff, General Mark Walsh speaks to an audience of Army War College students and staff on a recent visit to Bliss Hall, March 31.

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