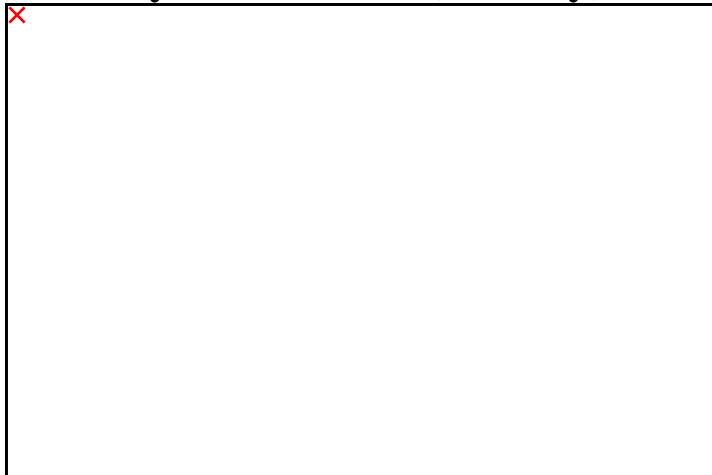


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Gen. James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, listens to a question for an Army War College student in Bliss Hall Jan. 5. Conway spoke about a wide range of topics including the changing nature of conflict, how dwindling supplies of natural resources could leave to conflicts and how the migration of the world's populations to coastal areas could lead to increased duties for seafaring services like the Navy and Marines. Photo by Megan Clugh.
Jan. 5, 2010 -- Gen. James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, spoke to Army War College students in Bliss Hall on Jan. 5, sharing his thoughts and perspective on a nation and war, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the challenges of multiple deployments on the force and how the buildup in Afghanistan affects dwell time for

Marines.

"I am constantly amazed at the resiliency of the Marines and their families," he said. "We couldn't do it without their hard work and the support of their families. Make sure to take time now to make sure you have that balance in your life."

Conway spoke about the benefits of seven month deployments and hoped to get the force to a point where Marines will have 14 months at home for every seven months deployment.

Conway also took time to discuss the changing nature of conflict, how dwindling supplies of natural resources could leave to conflicts and how the migration of the world's populations to coastal areas could lead to increased duties for seafaring services like the Navy and Marines.

Conway closed his remarks with a reminder that the students in the audience would be charged with executing the challenging missions ahead, that schools like the Army War College would prepare them for those days ahead.

After speaking to the students for about 40 minutes, Conway opened the session up for questions, which ranged in topic from coalition coordination to the continuing evolution of counterinsurgency operations.