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Nov. 13, 2008- Army War College students, faculty, and staff gathered inside Bliss Hall to celebrate the U.S. Marine Corps 233rd Birthday Friday Nov. 7.

"Today is about taking a moment to celebrate the Marine Corps, reflect on the sacrifices that have been made, and look forward to the challenges we face," said Marine Lt. Col. Frank Donavan, student.

"For me it's a day to remember those who have gone before us. To carry on their legacy," said Marine Lt. Col. Rick Uribe, student.

"It's more important than my own Birthday," said Marine Lt. Col. Eric Kraft, student.

Marine Lt. Col. John Merna, student, led the ceremony inside Bliss Hall honoring the long history and the legacy of the Corps. After the ceremony, students and faculty were all smiles as they indulged in the cake and coffee outside of Bliss Hall.