

USAWC honors Navy's 244th birthday

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Joint military, interagency and international students of the Army War College enjoyed a traditional 244th birthday cake today following Navy Cmdr. Kory Anglesey's presentation in Bliss Hall to honor the birthday of the United States Navy.



The Army War College's current and prior service members of the United States Navy gathered in Bliss Hall Foyer today to honor the 244th birthday of the U.S. Navy. The Navy was established by the Continental Congress on Oct. 13, 1775.



U.S. Navy Cmdr. Kory Anglesey, class of 2020 resident student, speaks to the joint military, interagency and international students, faculty and staff of the Army War College who gathered in Bliss Hall today to honor the 244th birthday of the Navy.

Carlisle Barracks, Pa. (Oct. 11, 2019) – The joint military, interagency and international students of the Army War College class together with faculty and staff honored the 244th birthday of the United States Navy today during a presentation by Navy Cmdr. Kory Anglesey in Bliss Hall.

During his presentation, Anglesey offered a history of the Navy, which was established by the Continental Congress on Oct. 13, 1775. He discussed the Navy's readiness and ability to project power on land, sea and in the air. And, how the naval fleet acts as a deterrent vital to the country's National Security Strategy.

"Everyone knows we have this capability....," said Anglesey. "That allows us not just to deter, but if we need to punch a hole and bring in the Marines ... and maybe just punch a hole for the Army to come in afterward. That's

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quite impressive. The carrier strike groups and other strike groups of the Navy have been able to accomplish that."

Today, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, nearly 30 percent of the Navy's 290 ships are underway in operations to ensure peace and stability.

"Sailors and Marines stand watch together in every fleet and operate as an integrated naval force," said Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Gilday, in his birthday message. "We operate jointly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and continually demonstrate America's ability to put forces wherever and whenever we choose. There is no higher honor than to serve with each one of you."

The theme of this year's Navy birthday, "No Higher Honor," pays tribute to the heroism of sailors during the WWII naval battle of Leyte Gulf, and, a quote by the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Samuel B. Roberts, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Copeland, who said at the time, "No higher honor could be conceived than to command a crew to valor in the face of overwhelming odds."

The Army War College's joint student body includes eight Navy officers in the resident class of 2020 and six Navy in the distance class of 2020.