

John Avlon's *Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations*.

On Saturday, February 1st, the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy hosted a reading cohort social to discuss John Avlon's *Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations*. The event was made possible by the John Quincy Adams Society (JQAS), a non-political and non-partisan organization "committed to identifying, educating, and equipping the next generation of scholars and policy leaders to encourage a new era of realism and restraint in American foreign policy." The JQAS provides opportunities for student engagement, such as providing books for students to read and discuss outside of the classroom.

Led by the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy's Executive Director, BG (ret) Kim Field, Bush School students of various disciplines gathered to discuss the book and to apply George Washington's farewell address, an often understudied document in American history, to issues facing America today.

The cohort discussed numerous topics salient to the political environments of both 1796 and today, including: hyper-partisanship; national debt and government spending; executive power; and America's role in foreign affairs. Students were both surprised and inspired by Washington's efforts to preserve the United States, then gripped by partisanship and political turmoil.

The Bush School and the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy thank the JQAS for the generous gift of the books. We look forward to doing this again. Thanks and Gig 'Em!

