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Deputy Chief of Chaplains visits Chaplaincy School and Center

FORT JACKSON, S.C. -- Rear Admiral Margaret G. Kibben, chaplain of the Marine Corps and deputy chief of Navy Chaplains, visited the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center (NCSC) on Fort Jackson, Feb. 4.

Kibben held an admiral's call and addressed chaplains and religious program specialists (RP) attending the Marine Corps Forces Reserves Conference, students attending the Professional Naval Chaplaincy Intermediate Leadership Course, the Religious Program Specialist "A" Course, and Naval Chaplaincy School and Center Staff.

During her remarks, Kibben asked Gunnery Sgt. Mark Morton, assistant Marine officer instructor for the Basic Leadership Course about the types of students attending accession training. Morton was impressed with Kibben's interest in the details of his instruction.

"I hope the admiral is able to visit NCSC again in the future," said Morton. "It's important that we see our senior leadership visibly engaged in the process of training new chaplains and RPs."

Capt. Kyle Fauntleroy, NCSC's commanding officer commented that the admiral's visit to the school and center was a wise investment.

“To hear, first hand, of the Chaplain Corps' new strategic plan and how it aligns with the Chief of Naval Operations' Sailing Directions and leadership development strategy directly impacts our curricula development and delivery,” said Fauntleroy. “Having the chance to engage key leadership not only assists our faculty and staff to see the depth of personal involvement our leadership has in our mission, but helps us understand the complexities and inner-workings of policy development. We are better equipped to carry out our mission because of Chaplain Kibben's investment in every faculty and staff member.

As she left the school house, Kibben noted that the training the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center provides has come a long way since she joined the Chaplain Corps.

“The training the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center provides to our chaplains and RPs is invaluable,” said Kibben. “At the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center we have the most professional, dedicated, and responsible staff I have seen in over 28 years.”

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