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Maj. Gen. Mark Barrett (USAF), Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO Allied Command Transformation, visited the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)—the designated U.S. Partnership for Peace Training and Education Center (USPTC)—on Monday, Mar. 12. During his visit, he spoke about NATO with some of the NPS School of International Graduate School students studying the Eurasia region. In his talk, he focused on the upcoming Summit taking place in Chicago, May 21, and how Allied Command Transformation is helping NATO adapt and innovate in a challenging security environment.

Also during his visit, Maj. Gen. Barrett met with a variety of faculty to learn about the current work NPS is doing with Allied Command Transformation and the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and the potential for future projects with these entities. Some of those he met with included retired Lt. Col. Bryan Hudgens (USAF), Lecturer and Air Force Acquisition Representative with the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy, to discuss Maritime Interdiction Operations and tour the Center for Network Innovation and Experimentation (CENETIX) Lab.

Barrett was also briefed by retired Capt. Jeff Kline (USN), Program Director of Maritime Defense and Security Research Programs and Senior Lecturer with the Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences, regarding NPS's missile defense research in the EUCOM area of responsibility. Dr. Clay Moltz, Associate Professor, and retired Capt. Alan Scott (USN), Senior Lecturer, both from the Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, spoke with Barrett regarding the school's space initiatives, while Scott Cote and J.D. Fulp, both Senior Lecturers with the School of Operational and Information Sciences, shared info regarding some of the cyber courses currently being taught in partnership with the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany.

Maj. Gen. Barrett was joined on the trip by retired Capt. Dick Bedford (USN), Branch Head, Strategic Issues and Engagement with Allied Command Transformation. Following his tour at Allied Command Transformation, Barrett is heading to EUCOM to serve as the Chief of Staff.

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