



Rear Admiral Gilbride Visits the Lewis Center



Rear Admiral
Ann DeBaets Gilbride



Rear Admiral Ann DeBaets Gilbride visited the AAE and several other schools in the high desert while visiting her parents. She grew up in the high desert and graduated from Apple Valley High School. She continues to 'give back' to the community and to convey the message of 'community service and pride in America' to as many students as she can. She told the students about the various opportunities the military offers (which are vast!) and encouraged them to continue their education. On a personal note, she asked the audience where they were on the now infamous 9/11. She was on her way to work at the Pentagon when it was hit by one of the planes! She lost some close friends that sad day.

Rear Admiral Gilbride spoke to some GAVRT middle school students at Ramey School in Puerto Rico and with some GAVRT high school students at W.T. Sampson HS in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba via video conferencing. They had a chance to ask her many questions. She witnessed AAE students operating the GAVRT antenna, DSS-12, in Mission Control while our school's ROTC team observed. She then visited other schools in the area.



BM1 Allen Hawthorne, Rick Piercy (LCER CEO), AM1 Russell Lons, & Rear Admiral Gilbride