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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER CAPT Brian Anderson

Energy Family,

First, I want to give a shout out to the teams in Hawaii and everyone who continues to support the defueling efforts at Red Hill both on and off the island. Over 80% of the fuel has been removed and operations continue to run smoothly. It's been a huge endeavor, but the DLA Energy family continues to show our world-class service and excellence.

The Indo-Pacific team also held the first Fuels Exchange Agreements Forum in Honolulu last week. While I could not be there, I heard it was a great success. [BG Gardner](#), INDOPACOM J4 Director, provided excellent insight on the strategic importance of international partnership in the region. Thank you to the team for all your hard work pulling that together. I look forward to attending next year.

On the admin side, thank you to everyone for your diligence in completing the DMPAP mid-year reviews. Now that it's [Open Season](#) make sure to review your federal benefits. You only have until Dec. 11 to make changes to your plans. Learn more on [OPM's website](#).

CFC is running now for another two months. Please consider joining the millions of other federal and military members who contribute to the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity program.

Mark your calendars for a couple of upcoming back-to-back events at the end of November. Nov. 28, we will induct Ms. Jean Cox and Mr. James Young into the DLA Energy Hall of Fame. [Learn more about the honorees in this DLA news story](#). On Nov. 29, Mr. Kless will hold an All Hands focused on "Back Together" and hope to see you all there in the auditorium.

As we get closer to the end of 2023, work with your supervisor now to schedule leave through the new year. The holidays are a great time to take time off and spend time with friends and family.

DLA Energy in Action

In late September and October, Americas West QARs Kerry Harned, David Gladden, Lino Garcia, Scott Marcinkowski, Kevin Mattern, Chris Bobzien, and Brad Howard performed on hire inspections on three Military Sealift Command time-chartered vessels destined to support the ongoing defueling of Red Hill.



During the DLA Energy Airmen's Call on Nov. 9, Airmen spent the day networking, discussing issues and hearing from Brig Gen Tyler, the DLA Aviation Commander and senior ranking DLA Airmen, and Col Janette Ketchum, the Senior Service Advisor for Air Force personnel at DLA.

More than 60 Energy employees were recognized during the Acquisition Honors Ceremony and Pathways to Career Excellence graduation on Nov. 7. [Read more in this DLA news story](#) or watch a recording of the ceremony in [ZoomGov](#) (Passcode: =M23@30r)



During DLA HQC Employee Appreciation Day on Oct. 31, the DLA Energy "CAGerinas" showed team spirit winning 1st place in the costume contest after participating in a 5K.

EOQs

Congratulations to the DLA Energy 4th quarter, FY23 military, civilian and strategic goals employees of the quarter.

Company Grade:

Air Force Capt Akeem Parks, DLA Energy Europe & Africa

Field Grade Officer:

Army CW3 Kevin Mason, DLA Energy Middle East

Senior Noncommissioned Officer:

Army MSG Darren McGraw, DLA Energy South-West Pacific

Category C Civilian (GS13-15/WS):

Raul Garcia, DLA Energy Middle East

Category B Civilian (GS/WG/WL 7-12):

Jessie Rodriguez-Perez, DLA Energy Okinawa

DLA Director's Strategic Goals Award:

Large Team Award: DLA Energy Facility Sustainment

Small Team Award: DLA Energy Europe & Africa Supplier Operations

JOB WELL DONE!

DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month"

MSgt Tyrone McDougal

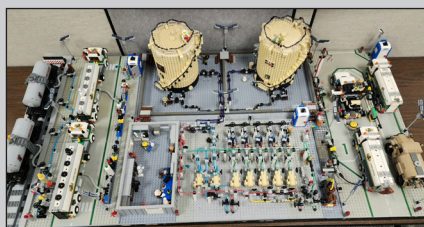
MSgt McDougal is a QAR working in the Aviano, Italy, office. He executed four vessel discharge operations in three separate countries totaling ~13M USG (one in Djibouti, Africa; two in Marseille, France; and one in La Spezia, Italy). During the discharge in Italy, he identified and resolved an inadequate additive quantity level ensuring on-spec fuel for the warfighters.



NEWS

[Lego model bridges gap in fuel systems training](#)

Carl Drechsel, a DLA Energy project engineer, is helping entry-level employees and students with his realistic model of a complete DOD fuel receipt and distribution system.



[Passport desk guide](#)

A new DLA Energy passport guide is available to assist employees with obtaining an official passport. [Learn more in this DLA Today announcement](#) and on [Energy's eWorkplace homepage under Tools](#) (CAC-required).



CONGRATULATIONS!



Army MAJ Mike McCrory, DLA Energy Europe & Africa's Chief of Plans and Future Ops, received the LTG (Retired) Arthur J. Gregg Award during the annual Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

forum in October. He helped process thousands of Afghan travelers arriving in Germany after the Afghanistan withdraw in August 2021. He supported 12,000 people coordinating an interagency task force of medical, educational and government reps, fed 8,000 people three meals a day, to include 1,000 newborn babies, provided clothing and necessities, and reunited separated families.

Congratulations to the two DLA Energy employees selected by DOD to participate in the FY24 Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Program! **Mr. Dwayne Briscoe** (Cohort 18 Spring 2024) and **Ms. Melissa Rodriguez** (Cohort 19 Summer 2024).

Congratulations to **Ms. Jacee Stumpf** on her selection for the Defense Pricing and Contracting's Acquisition Exchange Program, an 11-month assignment starting in January.

Welcome to the team **Mr. Sam Paris**, DLA Energy HQC Facilities Manager, and **Mr. Paul Couto**, DLA Energy HQC Physical Security Specialist.



Sam Paris



Paul Couto

Mark your calendars!

Nov 28: DLA Energy Hall of Fame, 10am

Nov 29: All Hands, 12pm

Dec 5-7: Senior Leader Offsite

Dec 7: DLA Energy Holiday Party, 11:30am to 3:30pm