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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF Col Keith Mecham

Energy Team,

I hope everyone has something fun lined up for the long weekend to celebrate our nation's 247th birthday. As you head out on your outdoor adventures, please do so with safety in mind.

Watch the weather and heat indexes, drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, and cool off in the shade when needed. If you're headed out on the water, wear life jackets, closely supervise children and practice water safety.

Use caution around grills, bonfires, fire pits, and fireworks. Even simple sparklers can burn skin and the pointed ends can be hazardous. Be aware of and obey all state and local firework laws/ordinances.

Finally, make sure and always buckle up, give your full attention to driving and avoid all distractions like phones, food, other passengers, etc.

This summer we have four regional changes of command. I want to personally thank those who are outgoing and welcome those who are incoming. At Americas, we wish you all the best COL Heflin and welcome back to COL Carrasquillo. At Americas West, a huge thank you to CDR Kim and welcome to CDR Maazouzi. In Korea, thank you LTC Medina for all you've done and welcome LTC Han. Finally, in Japan, we said goodbye to Maj Coffman and hello to Lt Col James Smith. Please help me give all of them a warm welcome.

I want to call your attention to page 2 of the newsletter where you can find information on how to nominate employees for the 55th Annual Employee Awards and the DLA Energy Hall of Fame. Please consider nominating your current and former colleagues to recognize their hard work and contributions.

Have a great weekend but do so responsibly. Happy Birthday America!

Acquisition Professionals of Steel

Congratulations to the 56 acquisition employees who were recognized for earning DAWIA and advanced training certificates during a fun, high-energy, all-inclusive honors program on June 15.

The hybrid event brought together more than 210 people online and about 20 people socially distanced in the conference room, many wearing silver shiny superhero capes to honor the theme, "*Acquisition Professionals of Steel*."

"The planning team pivoted to execute the program virtually which more than doubled the number of participants in the program," said DLA Energy Acquisition Workforce Development and Intern Office Division Chief Ditu Kasuyi. "We are committed to making our events more inclusive, engaging, and memorable. It takes more planning, collaboration, and determination to create such an experience, and we know that our team is up to the task."

DLA Energy Head of the Contracting Activity and Supplier Operations Director Gabriella Earhardt quoted Brian Herbert in her encouraging speech to the workforce. "The capacity to learn is a gift. The ability to learn is a skill. The willingness to learn is a choice," she said.

Lorraine Gallagher participated online saying, "In all my years, I must say it was the most enjoyable and uplifting ceremony that I've attended."

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!

Read the story and see the list of honorees in this DLA news story



HQC/NCR COVID-19 Status: HPCON B

Continue max telework until your designated re-entry date. Face masks not required in the HQC Complex but are required for HQC Child Development Center.

HAIL & FAREWELL

Farewell to **CAPT Jay Hamilton**



CAPT Bellott

Welcome to **CAPT Timothy Bellott**, the new Facility Sustainment Director.



Brig Gen Canlas & CAPT Hamilton

Welcome to **Kevin Robinson** as the new Deputy Comptroller. Kevin has been with DLA Finance Energy for 12 years in roles managing Accounting, the Budget, Financial Systems, and Accounts Payable.



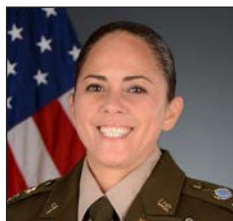
LTC Han

Korea welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony at Camp Walker, Daegu, June 27. Farewell to **LTC Jose Medina**, thank you for your service.

Welcome **LTC Dennis Han!**

Welcome back **COL Josiel Carrasquillo** who took command of DLA Energy Americas on June 30.

Farewell and thank you for your service **COL Raphael Heflin**.



COL Carrasquillo

Japan welcomed **Lt Col James Smith** during a change of command on June 27.

Thank you for your service **Maj Coffman**.



COL Heflin & Dave Ray

Farewell and congratulations to Americas Operations Director **Dave Ray** who retired on June 15 serving 42 years combined service, 19 with DLA Energy.

[Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

NEWS

DLA Energy Lunch and Learn: USAJOBS application process

DLA Human Resources specialists outlined the process for USAJOBS applications during a virtual DLA Energy Lunch and Learn June 7. [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

Ayodele Warburton graduates Naval Postgraduate School

Warburton graduated with a Master of Science in Contract Management from the Naval Postgraduate School June 17.

[Read more about the program in this DLA news story.](#)



The next DLA Energy All Hands was postponed to Wednesday, July 6.

- Check your Outlook calendar for details -

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

55th Annual DLA Employee Recognition Awards

These awards provide a highly visible means for the DLA Director to recognize deserving superior performers in every segment of the workforce. Categories include:

- 10 Outstanding DLA Personnel of the Year
- DLA Team Performance Awards
- DLA Leader of the Year Awards

Questions? Email DLAENERGY.AWARDSPROGRAM@DLA.MIL

HALL OF FAME

Do you know someone who's legacy has left a significant mark on DLA Energy? Did their exceptional service and dedication contribute the long-term success of DLA Energy?

If so, nominate him/her for the DLA Energy Hall of Fame! For information contact Irene.smith@dla.mil.

Nominations are due by Friday, July 8.

Kathryn Fantasia, former Director of DLA Energy Direct Delivery Fuels and a 2018 DLA Energy Hall of Fame inductee, is joining the DLA Hall of Fame!



The 2022 class induction ceremony to be held at the DLA Headquarters Complex, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the McNamara Auditorium.

[Read more about Ms. Fantasia's career in this DLA news story.](#)

Inductees selected for the 2022 DLA Hall of Fame are:

- Edward "Ted" Case, former DLA Vice Director
- Benjamin "Gil" Perkins, former DLA Aviation Office of Counsel Director
- Janet Price, former DLA Aviation Procurement Process Support Director
- Kathryn Fantasia, former DLA Energy Direct Delivery Fuels Director
- Janet Hoffheins, former DLA Human Resources Services Administrator
- Keith Ford, former DLA Troop Support Clothing and Textiles Supply Chain Deputy Director



Mark your calendars!



July 6: DLA Energy All Hands, 8:30am

July 18: Donuts w/ Deputy, GS-13 and below, 10am and 6pm

July 20: Coffee w/ Commander, GS-13/14 Div/Sec/Branch Chiefs, 8:30am and 5pm