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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Energy Team,

Happy New Year team! The first issue of the newsletter for 2023! This marks the start of the third year of your Energy Connection newsletter. Wow, time flies.

Ninety-three years after his birth on Jan. 15, 1929, and 58 years after his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, Martin Luther King Jr.'s stirring words and writings remain as relevant and inspiring today as they were when he lived.

As we focus on the new year head, I would like to share one of my favorite quotes of Martin Luther King:

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

I want to welcome the new year by announcing some great personnel news. On January 1, Jamaal Rose was promoted to the Director of Direct Delivery Fuels and Pat Littlejohn was promoted to the Director of Bulk Supply Chain Services. Both began their careers at DLA more than 20 years ago and stayed, working their way to positions of increasing responsibility. Congratulations to Jamaal and Pat! Together, both of you personified the dignity and perseverance of the leadership lessons of Martin Luther King.

As you may know, several Energy leaders and long-time employees retired recently including Phil Dawson, Jim Shillingford, Regina Gray, Jim Shuster, Susan Lowe and others. These departures leave big shoes to fill, and I encourage everyone to take on more responsibilities and drive DLA Energy into the future. Our future needs your skills, talents and experience. Mr. Kless and I are grateful to have such a diverse, well-rounded and dedicated team.

Looking ahead, I know the Energy team is ready to face the exciting challenges this new year will bring to us. Keep moving forward!

DLA Energy All Hands

Brig Gen Canlas and Mr. Kless started the new year with an All Hands to update employees on team awards and recognition, key leadership moves, recent and upcoming events, and other important reminders.



About 520 joined virtually and over 180 people attended in person to hear them speak in the McNamara Headquarters Complex auditorium Jan. 12.

"Thank you to everyone for taking time out of your schedule to join us today," Kless said. "I know we are getting back into routine after the holidays, so my challenge to you is balance. You recharged yourselves so don't drain your battery right away."

Canlas began by recognizing the [DLA Energy 4th quarter FY22 military, civilian and strategic goals employees of the quarter](#) and DLA Energy's winners for the DLA 55th Annual Employee Recognition Awards Program. The annual awards ceremony is scheduled for Jan. 26 in the HQC auditorium.

Kless praised the DLA Energy Installation Energy team for earning [Federal Energy and Water Management Awards for the seventh year in a row](#). Since 2016, the Department of Energy has recognized DLA Energy and multiple employees for their significant contributions to energy and water efficiency within the federal government.



The leaders bid farewell to Regina Gray, director of DLA Energy Strategic Policy & Programs, as she retires after 40 years on the DLA Energy team. They also said goodbye to nearly 30 other departing members and welcomed more than 30 new ones.

Canlas recapped recent events including a DLA Energy senior leader strategic offsite; [Aerospace Energy's support of NASA's Artemis I mission](#); [DLA Energy Korea's 30th Anniversary](#); [Combined Federal Campaign fundraising and community support efforts](#); and the [DLA Energy holiday party](#).

He discussed several ongoing efforts including close cooperation with Joint Task Force Red Hill and the continued work with U.S. Transportation Command to meet the [2022 NDAA section 352](#) Global Bulk Fuel Management and Delivery mandates.

Canlas praised DLA Energy's efforts on [carbon pollution-free electricity initiatives](#) thanking the team for helping to transform how the U.S. government buys and manages electricity.

The leaders wrapped up the All Hands reminding employees of scheduled upcoming events and taking questions from the audience.

DLA EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Congratulations to the DLA Energy employees and teams who earned DLA Annual Employee Recognition Awards! We are proud and honored to recognize your accomplishment!

- **Melissa Rodriguez**
DLA Energy Americas West
A Top Outstanding DLA Person of the Year for Category B
- **Michael Maclean**
DLA Energy International Agreements
Level 1 (Non-Supervisory) Employee DLA Leader of the Year award
- **Walter Hegan**
DLA Energy Europe and Africa
DLA Employee of the Quarter Category B
- **Capt Ioan Gaitan**
DLA Energy Korea
Service Member of the Year in the Company Grade Officer category
- **DLA Energy's Contracting Team**
First Recognition Awarding from Permanent Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Closure Small Team, consisting of 25 members or less, award
- **DLA Energy Acquisition Workforce and Development Team**
Acquisition Support Professional of the Year (Team Award)
- **DLA Energy Direct Delivery FEPC Team**
Acquisition Workforce Achievement (Team Award)
- **Shane Banks**
DLA Energy Bulk, Petroleum Supply Chain Services
Acquisition Workforce Achievement Individual Award

Thursday, January 26, 2023
1:00 pm, HQC Auditorium

[The slide deck and a link to the recorded event is available in this announcement on Energy's DLA Today homepage](#)

AROUND ENERGY

Meet members of the **DLA Energy Bulk Petroleum Supply Chain Services** team who provide contract support for worldwide acquisition of fuel-related services. *(Not all may be pictured)*



CONUS/OCONUS Storage & Optimization procure and administer contracts for worldwide fuel storage services supporting Air Force, Marine, and DLA customers. Pictured left to right is Dominique Vest, Orin Smith, Alicia Williams and Mark Laskoski.



COCO Storage Services purchases domestic contractor-owned fuel storage services. Pictured left to right is Avangela Ligons-Sutton, Dustin Zeno, Ursula Waibel, Rosa Holbrook and Jarvis Goggins.



AAR/GOCO Refueling Services & Optimization purchases domestic fuel storage and aircraft refueling services. Pictured left to right is Ronald Mosely, Keecha Elliott and Salman Shahid.



Overseas COCO Storage procure and administer contracts for a worldwide program supporting intermediate DFSP's. Pictured left to right is Kirk Gamblin, Sean Turner, CJ Johnson and David Donald.



Environmental Services purchases environmental remediation services on behalf of military customers. Pictured left to right is Nicole Johnson, Sonja Rocks and Viki Metzger.

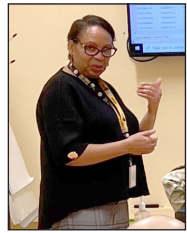


International Agreements negotiates and concludes fuel agreements with foreign militaries in support of DOD requirements world-wide. Pictured left to right is Eddie Glaster, Michael Maclean, Tawnya Moreno, Mike Holgate, Kevin Epstein and David Lamm.

Send us your team photo! Email the photo, caption and team member names to DLAenergyPublicAffairs@dla.mil.

DLA Energy Europe & Africa Energizer of the Month

Ms. Kim Madison



DLA Energy Europe & Africa Customer Account Specialist Lead Kim Madison is instrumental in providing Enterprise External Business Portal and Wide Area Workflow training and was commended by the 21st Theater Sustainment Command and V Corps for her excellent EEBP/WAWF guidance. Ms. Madison individually trained team members on placing customer direct fuel orders, reconciling open order quantities, amending purchase order quantities and delivery start/end dates, and viewing expired PC&S contracts. She also regularly assists ordering officials on challenging fuel orders. Thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and true team spirit Ms. Madison!



Congratulations Lt Col Barton Land,
DLA Energy Americas North Commander,
on your promotion to O5!

The ceremony was held on Dec. 29 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK.



Mark your calendars!

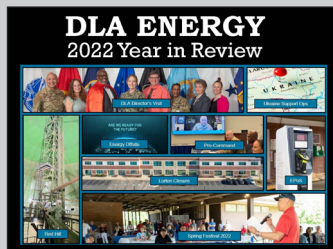


- Jan 17:** Training committee meeting 11am*
 - Jan 17:** DLA Energy Virtual Lunch & Learn at 11:30am with guest speaker Ms. Donna Estep, DLA Human Resources Services Director Injury Compensation, discussing the worker's compensation process. Contact [Adrian Hines](mailto:Adrian.Hines@dla.mil) with questions.
 - Jan 24:** Donuts with Deputy 9:30am and 6pm for non-supervisory GS-13s and below
 - Jan 26:** DLA 55th annual employee awards ceremony 1pm in HQC auditorium. Check your email for details and virtual link.
- *To join the committee and council meetings, contact DLAenergyCAG@dla.mil.

NEWS

DLA Energy year in review

As DLA Energy enters 2023, the military support command is leaning forward to address new challenges and adapting strategies from last year's successes to meet the rapidly changing, competitive operating environment.



DLA Energy operations officer earns Penn State alumni award

The Penn State Alumni Association selected Americas East Air Force Maj Timothy Truong for their 2022 Alumni Achievement Award.



January Safety Tips

Read important safety reminders on from the DLA Energy Safety and Occupational Health Office.

DLA Energy Korea celebrates 30th Anniversary

Recognizing three decades of fuel support to Warfighters in the Republic of Korea, DLA Energy Korea celebrated its 30th anniversary at Camp Walker, Daegu, Korea, Dec. 9.



DLA Energy volunteers for Combined Federal Campaign

To showcase a CFC cause of the week, a team from DLA Energy volunteered and organized a charitable event in honor of ending poverty and mental wellness.



Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity

DLA Energy issued new solicitations for the purchase of CFE to support DOD installations and federal agencies in two key regions Dec. 16. This is an important step forward in transforming how the U.S. government buys and manages electricity.