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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF Col Keith Mecham

Energy team,

This year's theme for Women's History Month is Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. This timely theme honors the extraordinary contributions women have made to our personal and professional lives and to our nation. The ongoing success of women in the military and at DLA Energy, is built on the legacy of both recognized trailblazers and unsung heroines who have guided the course of the agency and continue to shape its future. These leaders have pushed boundaries, driven change, and redefined roles.

Accounts of the lives of individual women are important because they reveal strong role models who share a vision of what the future can be. Growing up as a youth and being fascinated by flight, I was inspired by the life of Amelia Earhart, an aviation pioneer and visionary. She pushed the boundaries of aviation, setting numerous records at a time when aviation was predominately a male career. We all have women role models that we admire, learn from, and are inspired by!

Within DLA Energy, women leaders continue to achieve, inspire, and lead the agency into the future. One such leader is highlighted on page 2 of the newsletter about our new Bulk Petroleum Supply Chain Services Division Chief, Patricia Littlejohn.

Have a great week ahead Team!

Setting the PaCE for the future

Do you know a college student or recent graduate that would be a great fit for the DLA Energy team? Tell them about the [Pathways to Career Excellence program](#), a two-year DLA training program for entry-level associates that provides a comprehensive enterprise perspective of logistics support.

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic started, seven PaCE trainees graduated during a ceremony at the McNamara Headquarters Complex on Fort Belvoir, Virginia, March 9.

DLA Energy PaCE graduates **Christopher Gabro, Sylvie Hullinger, Randall Legions, Monica Martin, Brandon Moses and Everett Ready** were recognized for their dedication in completing the program.

Gabby Earhardt, DLA Energy Head of the Contracting Activity, began her career as a DLA intern and shared her enthusiasm with the audience.

"You've worked hard these past two years; you've studied, kept up with your training requirements, worked a full-time job, put off vacations, given up your weekends and probably lost some sleep as you managed the intense requirements of this program," Earhardt said. "You've sacrificed a lot to earn the seat in which you're sitting. I hope you're all proud of yourselves and what you have accomplished!"

Earhardt urged the graduates to never stop learning.

"I'll caution you against seeing this as a moment when you say, 'I've done it, I'm finished, I've arrived,'" she said. "I instead encourage you to see this and say, 'What's next?' 'Where will my next big challenge come from?' 'How can I best contribute to this agency, to the DoD, to the warfighter and to the nation?'"

Earhardt thanked the DLA Energy Acquisition Workforce Development Team for their hard work managing the DLA Energy PaCE Program and for putting together the first graduation ceremony since the pandemic.

[Read more about the PaCE program, the participants and their experiences in this DLA news story](#)



Left to right: DLA Energy Procurement Process Support Director Jake Moser, PaCE graduate Sylvie Hullinger, PaCE graduate Everett Ready, PaCE graduate Monica Martin, PaCE graduate K. P., DLA Energy Supplier Operations Director Gabby Earhardt, PaCE graduate Brandon Moses, PaCE graduate Randall Legions, PaCE graduate Christopher Gabro and DLA Energy Deputy Commander Dave Kless.

SIG ROTATION

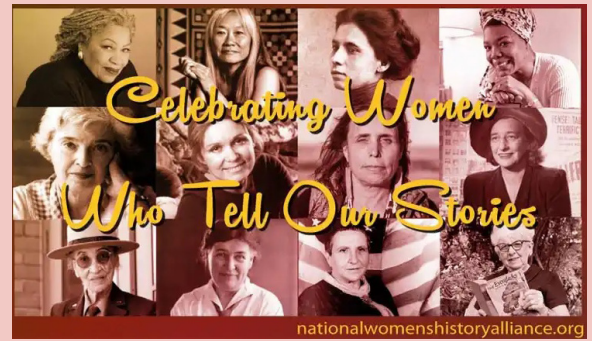
Congratulations to **Mr. Robert Hughes!**

Selected for the Strategic Initiatives Group rotational assignment at HQ DLA, he will serve for the next a 9 to 12 months planning the DLA Director and senior leadership strategic engagements.



Ms. Patricia Littlejohn, thank you for your service in the role from from June 2022 to February 2023.

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Michelle Skubic awarded Ms. Littlejohn the DLA Superior Civilian Service Award for her skills preparing DLA's senior leaders for over 28 engagements and briefings.



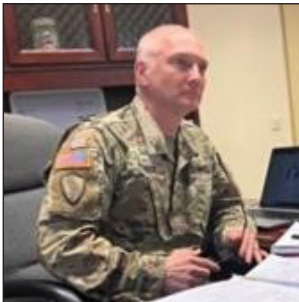
In March, we honor the contributions of women to our history, culture, and society. The National Women's History Alliance 2023 theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."

[Read a spotlight on Patricia Littlejohn, a 30-year DLA Energy employee and current director of DLA Energy Bulk Petroleum Supply Chain Services.](#)

Stay tuned for information on a Women's History Month event being planned for March 30.

JOB WELL DONE!

DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month"



MAJ Parillo is the DLA Energy E&A LNO to 21st Theater Sustainment Command. His Army fuels and logistics background along with his prior DLA Energy experience is invaluable. He created a fuel predictive analysis tracker to assist 21TSC and personnel at their sites in quickly determining

if their current fuel capacity, ullage, and average daily demand rate are consistent with orders placed. This tool affords the Army the opportunity to avoid costly demurrage charges and ease the strain on DLA Energy's vendors.

NEWS

[DLA Energy Europe & Africa supports NATO pipeline](#)

As the Russian incursion into Ukraine continues, DLA Energy Europe & Africa is continuing its efforts with its North Atlantic Treaty Organization's allies to ensure fuel is available to meet operational commitments.

[Mayport NS ribbon cutting celebrates cost saving utilities contract](#)

The U.S. Navy officially transitioned ownership of its wastewater utility system with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Naval Station, Mayport, Florida on March 1.



[Black History Month Spotlight: Theodore "Ted" Jones Jr.](#)

In this spotlight, we honor Ted Jones' 33-year career at DLA and his contributions both in the workplace and community.



[DLA Energy Americas leaders shape strategic future](#)

DLA Energy Americas leaders spent three days in an intensive Senior Leader Offsite in Houston Feb. 22-24.

[Scholarships available!](#)

The DLA Foundation is offering scholarships to students with a close family connection to a current or former DLA employee. Up to 30 \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded as well as one \$2,000 scholarship.

SAVE THE DATE!

THE NEXT...

Energy Supervisor Town Hall April 4

Energy Town Hall April 18

Mark your calendars!

Mar 13: Supervisory Committee meeting*, 2:30pm

Mar 14: Advisory and Integration Council meeting*, 10am

Mar 14: Culture Climate Committee meeting*, 9:30am/7pm

Mar 14: DLA Energy Virtual Lunch & Learn at 11:30am. Guest speaker is Mr. Gregory Winstead, DLA Foreign Policy Advisor

*To get involved with the committee or council meetings, contact DLAenergyCAG@dla.mil