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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER Mr. David Kless

Energy Team,

I hope most of you took the opportunity these past couple of weeks to enjoy Spring Break. It almost felt like summer break with temperatures reaching 80 degrees!

If you haven't heard the news, Steve Sturgeon will serve as the next CAG deputy. As the current DLA Energy Quality Technical Deputy Director, Steve brings a wealth of DLA Energy information with him which will be a great fit for the big broad role of the CAG. Steve will fully transition to the CAG starting April 24.

I want to personally thank Sarah Catlin for her leadership serving as both the CAG deputy and the director for most of the last year during a period of unexpected change and transition. She has done – and continues to do – an outstanding job leading the CAG's efforts within the organization and with key stakeholders outside of DLA. Thank you, Sarah!!

April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Please show your support for survivors of sexual harassment and abuse by wearing teal — the color of sexual violence prevention on Tuesdays. Have you put together your Teal Ribbon Relay team? Find out more ways to get involved on page 2 of the newsletter.

Looking ahead, I can't wait to see many of you in the McNamara auditorium for our Supervisor's Town Hall tomorrow and Energy All Hands next Tuesday, April 18. We have some great news to share.

Since it is now baseball season, I know all of you will continue to hit the ball out of the park with your professionalism and accomplishments. As the weather warms up, please take some time to enjoy it.

Houston Engagements

To connect with fuel suppliers, customers and employees, Brig Gen Canlas, Supplier Operations Director Gabriela Earhardt, Customer Operations Director Eric Haler, Americas Commander COL Carrasquillo, AME Commander LTC Masson, and other Americas leaders visited the Houston area March 27-28.

Canlas recognized employees at an award's recognition ceremony and fielded questions from the 90 employees who attended both in person and virtually.

The team visited DFSP Houston, Petromax Refinery, and JAR; sailing on JAR's double hull liquid tank barge up the Houston Ship Channel to better understand product movement. They received an aerial tour of the port on a U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Houston MH-65 Dolphin helicopter and toured NASA Johnson Space Center and met with Astronaut Andrew (Drew) Morgan.

[Read more in this DLA newsroom story](#)



Brig Gen Canlas recognized Chris Bordelon



QAR MSgt Zach Beggin, Brig Gen Canlas, and QAR SFC Billy Viljoen sail on the Houston Ship Channel on the M/V Stephanie Kennelly tug that pushes our DLA Energy fuel products through inland waterways.



Brig Gen Canlas recognized Heather Huhn



Brig Gen Canlas recognized Adam Giles



Brig Gen Canlas recognized SMSgt Bob Rais and MSgt Dominic Mersino



Don't forget! DPMAP 2023 Deadlines

Prepare yourself for success!

We all have a responsibility to meet performance plan deadlines ... not only to show your career matters but also to allocate and distribute performance awards in a timely manner.

April 7: Employee Input due in [MyPerformance](#)

April 28: Rating Officials recommend ratings

May 5: Higher Level Review Ratings due

May 12: Senior Level Review Ratings due

May 19: HLRs Finalize Ratings

May 31: Ratings Communicated to Employees

RADM Noble visits Energy SWP

DLA Director of Logistics and Joint Regional Combat Support Commander RADM Noble met with the DLA Energy South-West Pacific team on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, on March 24.



During his visit, the Director received a quick but detailed synopsis of ESWP bulk fuel capabilities on-island and beyond, critical logistics issues, opportunities, and the importance of ongoing support operations within our portion of the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility.



RADM Noble coined **Jon Lucas**, a DLA ESWP QAR and Contracting Officer Representative, for his efforts overseeing the completion of multiple critical repairs and inspections to two large bulk fuel tanks which resulted in a substantial increase in fuel storage capability in the region.

Mark your calendars!

Apr 11: Advisory and Integration Council meeting,* 8:30am

Apr 11: DLA Energy Acquisition Honors Program, 9:30am

Apr 11: Culture Climate Committee meeting,* 9:30am/7pm

Apr 11: DLA Energy Supervisor's Town Hall, 11am

Apr 18: DLA Energy All Hands, 9am, followed by mandatory Insider Threat training at 10:30.

*Get involved in your council meetings! Email DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil

APRIL IS
**SEXUAL
ASSAULT**

AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

Throughout April, the Energy SAPR program invites all Energy employees worldwide to participate in the 3rd Annual Virtual "Teal Ribbon Relay" challenge!

[A tracking sheet and other details are available in this DLA Today Announcement.](#)

JOB WELL DONE!

DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month"

Chad Layman



As a QAR in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and a Certified API Inspector, Mr. Layman provided expert guidance on pipeline hydraulic requirements for the U.S. Navy Command in Southern Italy. As a new QAR, he has taken the lead supporting field training of new QARs on multiple

Into Plane Operations after being certified in February. In addition, he completed his Tier 1 Acquisition Certification, DLA Basic Commodity, and DLA Energy Commodity Certs in less than 7 months, which typically takes 24-36 months. His example and continuous support are greatly appreciated by his entire region.

NEWS



[DLA Aviation leader talks to DLA Energy acquisition workforce](#)

The DLA Energy Contracting Officer Mentoring Program event featured keynote speaker DLA Aviation Senior Acquisition Executive Catherine Contreras on March 22.

[DLA Energy Lunch & Learn](#)

Foreign Policy Advisor Gregory Winstead spoke to more than 100 employees during a virtual Lunch and Learn on March 14.



[Women's History Month Spotlight: Tracy Keenan](#)

Tracy Keenan, the deputy director of DLA Energy Americas West at Seal Beach, California, is one of two female deputy commanders within DLA Energy.