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**A MESSAGE FROM** THE COMMANDER CAPT **Brian Anderson** 

#### Hello, Energy Team!

Thank you for the warm and friendly welcome these past weeks. I can't say it enough how much your outgoing support has meant to me. The perfect change of command ceremony and all your hard work making Brig Gen Canlas' retirement ceremony so special really shows your dedication and attention to detail. These first impressions have set me on a confident course as we begin this journey together!

Last week, I jumped right in with a visit to Hawaii and Red Hill. It was great to meet the team leading this important initiative and see first-hand the task force's operations and battle rhythm. Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting many of you in person and learn more about the DLA Energy missions worldwide.

This Thursday, July 20, I'm holding a Commander's Call at 1pm ET in the McNamara Auditorium. This informal event is my chance to introduce myself and talk to you a bit about my command philosophy. I hope you can join me in person or virtually. Check your email for more details.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't remind you that we are in the midst of tropical storm season. As disturbances develop, their systems can quickly impact large geographic coastal and inland areas. Plan ahead; know your evacuation zone(s); review insurance policies and personal documents; declutter yards, drains and gutters; keep phone and technology battery power packs fully charged; and stock essential supplies. Remember, www.ready. gov is a great resource when preparing for a variety of disasters or emergencies.

Please, continue to take care of yourself so you can be the best for the Warfighters.

## **DLA Energy Change of Command**

**DLA Energy welcomed** new Commander CAPT Brian Anderson during a joint military change of command June 29.

DLA Director VADM Michelle Skubic officiated the time-honored ceremony thanking Brig Gen Canlas and the DLA Energy team for being "at



full sprint" through a dynamic past three years.

"Across the board, DLA Energy consistently provides 'Ph.D.-level' energy solutions globally in every area of responsibility," Skubic said. "The credibility of this team has been so important to ensuring that we're not only invited to the table when there are issues to solve, but we're empowered to help build and drive solutions."

In his remarks, Brig Gen Canlas told the audience he has been in awe watching the workforce execute the DLA Energy mission.

"This team is world class, and no one does it better," Canlas said. "Thank you, DLA Energy, for the great memories and your unwavering support. This was absolutely the best way to wrap up a 30-year career."

Welcoming Anderson to the team, Skubic noted his vast experience with the Navy, joint forces and even DLA. From 2009 to 2012, Anderson was assigned to DLA where he worked on a variety of high-visibility issues including the Base Realignment and Closure process, deploying to support the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan, serving as current operations chief in the Joint Logistics Operations Center, and ultimately as the military aide to the then-DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Harnitchek.



Service (DVIDS).

Anderson said he is honored to take command of DLA Energy.

"The simple truth is that we stand at a pivotal point in the Department of Defense's and nation's readiness," Anderson said. "A large portion of DOD's ability to prevent, or if necessary, engage an adversary at any place - be it under or on the sea, on the ground, in the air or in space – will undoubtedly be accomplished via the products, services and expertise of the women and men of DLA Energy."

#### Read the full story in the DLA newsroom.

View the ceremonial program (PDF) or a video of the full ceremony on Defense Visual Information Distribution

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Mr. Kless presented DLA Energy Chief Counsel Scott Romans a Distinguished Career Service Award July 10 in part for his outstanding work in complying with the Sec Def's order to close the Red Hill fuel facility.

Sarah Catlin received a Meritorious Civilian Service Award May 9 for her volunteer service as Deputy of the Commander's Action Group from April 2022 to May 2023.





Col Eric Haler was recognized for his service as the Director of Customer Operation during a going away June 26. The new DCO is Col Michael Boswell.

## NEWS

Army recognizes DLA Energy utilities privatization work

DLA Energy Utility Services employees earned Army Civilian Service Achievement Medals for their work on Fort Campbell in 2022.



#### Americas North welcomes new commander

Lt Col Bart Land changed command with Maj Daniel Moritz (pictured) during a ceremony July 10.

#### DLA Energy celebrates career of former commander

Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas celebrated his 30-year military career during a retirement ceremony June 30.



During a Veteran Entrepreneur Training Symposium (VETS) in Orlando, Florida, May 22-25, DLA Energy Small Business Office's Shepeta Allen (center) and other DLA Headquarters, Distribution, and Troop Support Small Business members hosted a booth in the exhibit hall to network with small business suppliers.

#### **JOB WELL DONE!**

DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month" Julie Tellez

As the Command's Management Analyst, Ms. Tellez managed an office relocation project finding innovative ways to repurpose office furniture, working with the local contractor, ensuring safety standards were met, and maintaining constant and timely



communication with the teams involved in the move. Her efforts resulted in a savings of over \$9,000. Ms. Tellez did this while delivering quality administrative products and support to the entire command. Specifically, her technical DTS expertise ensured employee travel was accomplished and travel vouchers reconciled.

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#### Americas East changes command

LTC Thaddeus Douthitt (left) assumed command from LTC Chris Masson (right) June 26.