



# ENERGY CONNECTION



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER Air Force Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

It's hard to believe we are already in February, and on our third bi-weekly newsletter! So far, feedback on the newsletter has been positive as we search for ways to increase communication while we are physically apart. This newsletter is OUR newsletter, so we are excited to hear from you on [how to improve, or even submit stories](#). This is a great opportunity to highlight your team or co-workers for their impacts at work or the community. I need to give a huge shout out to our PAO team, Ms. Irene Smith and Ms. Connie Braesch who work tirelessly to publish our newsletter.

As we work through COVID-19 vaccine distribution, we are taking steps to make sure our workforce is ready when the time comes. You should have been contacted by your supervisor about volunteering to receive a vaccine if it's made available to DLA employees. Volunteering for a DLA-administered vaccine does not mean you cannot get vaccinated elsewhere, such as your physician's office. It is your decision on where you get the vaccine, but when it becomes available to DLA employees, we want to be ready. A good source of updated information is the [DLA Coronavirus Information page](#). I also encourage you to review vaccine safety and efficacy provided by the [Military Health System](#) and the [CDC](#). Additionally, the SECDEF has issued [refined guidance](#) on mask wear on DoD Installations.

Please stay safe and continue to look out for one another.

Very Respectfully,  
Vegas



Congratulations to two DLA Energy employees selected for DLA-wide Employees of the Quarter! These outstanding individuals were selected from among the many nominations submitted.

Mr. Jaron Tyner, Americas West, won DLA Employee of the Quarter for 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2020. Jaron is a Quality Assurance Specialist in Colorado and Wyoming, where he contributes to the day-to-day management of over \$2 billion in bulk petroleum contracts supporting over 130 customers spread across the Western U.S. During the quarter, Jaron responded to and expeditiously handled reports of possible fuel contamination. Realizing the operational impact, he ensured lab analyses and results were provided expeditiously to support investigations and alleviate quality holds. His quick and decisive action in these cases minimized mission impact.



Air Force Maj Charles Morton, Americas East, won DLA Field Grade Officer for the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2021. As the Operations Officer, Maj Morton supports contingencies, civil authorities, emergencies, interagency activities, and exercises. He covers day-to-day operations for DLA Energy's largest supply chain consisting of 37 states from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast, as well as locations in the Caribbean and Central and South Americas. Maj Morton was also awarded DLA Field Grade Officer of the Year in 2019.



Civilian and military recognition packages are managed by two different departments in J1 and have different due dates and requirements which may lead to a difference in timeframe from announcing winners.

Please help congratulate them on their accomplishment! And, leaders, continue to send the great nomination packages recognizing the hard work of our Energy team.

**HQC/NCR COVID-19 Reconstitution Status:  
Phase 0 - HPCON B**

**Fun Fact:** Brig Gen Canlas was a DJ in college, "DJ Jimmy C"

# DID YOU KNOW?

## February is **Black History Month!**

Monthly special observances provide awareness and educate the workforce on cultures and ethnic groups that contribute to American culture.

If you want to volunteer to help with special observances or join DLA Energy's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, contact [DLA.EnergyEEO@dla.mil](mailto:DLA.EnergyEEO@dla.mil)


**WELCOME** to our new leaders in the Quality Technical Directorate. Ms. Patricia Wilkins is the new Director and Mr. Steve Sturgeon is the new Deputy Director.




Ms. Patricia Wilkins returns to Energy after serving as a Supervisory Technical Analyst in J34. She has 15 years of experience in DLA Energy as a chemist: three of those 15 years as Division Chief of the Product Technology Division and three years as Deputy Director of the Directorate.



Mr. Steve Sturgeon transitioned to Energy Headquarters after serving as the Pacific Quality Manager. He brings broad technical knowledge of global quality to the Directorate.

**ACT NOW!** The Office of the Secretary of Defense Logistics Fellows Program is a 12-month leadership and management program. Full-time DLA GS-13/14 employees are eligible. Nomination packages are due to  [SCG](#) by 12pm on Feb. 16. More Info available in [Energy's DLA Today Announcements](#).

On Feb. 3, Brig Gen Canlas held two "Coffee with the Commander" sessions for GS-13 and below. Chief of Staff, COL Rochon, moderated the sessions with 138 employees in the morning and 49 in the evening. The Commander donned a Hawaiian shirt and coined the p.m. session "Cocktails with the Commander." 



**THE BIG 6**  
AGENCY SYNCHRONIZATION OPERATIONS CENTER LNOS

A big **THANK YOU** to Ms. Teresa Hass who served as the Energy liaison officer to the ASOC from September to December 2020. Teresa, a financial analyst in the Energy Finance Liaison Office, was the first DLA Energy civilian to serve in the role and said the experience broadened her understanding and appreciation of the DLA mission.



**WELCOME** to Mr. Jim Whitaker as the new LNO. Jim has been a Quality Assurance Representative for Americas East since December 2016. He volunteered and was selected as the next Energy ASOC LNO expected to serve from January to May.

[Learn more about the ASOC LNO role in this video.](#)  
If you are interested in serving as an ASOC LNO, watch for the next solicitation in the Spring.

## Comment Box

### Why don't 2/3rd level approvers get an Eagle Telework Management notification when telework packages auto-renew or are about to expire?

All supervisors, including 2/3rd level approvers, have access to DLA HQ prepared reports within EAGLE, including the Telework Management module. Reports can be accessed by selecting the "Reports" dropdown option inside the Telework module. One of the reports is titled "Employees with Agreements Expiring within 30 Days" and will provide a list of all employees with an expiring agreement that a supervisor has been granted access to in their organization hierarchy. Further questions on creating and running Reports within EAGLE can be directed to [DLAEnergyEAGLE@DLA.MIL](mailto:DLAEnergyEAGLE@DLA.MIL).

### SHOUT OUT!

Energy reached 99% of its 2020 CFC goal helping DLA exceed its CFC goal by 16% to \$301,357!

**THANK YOU** to our CFC team: Rolanda Austin, Jim Fetzner, Dan Poole, Raysa Donaldson, Army Capt. Jerry Bortner, Nikki Waggoner, Pam King, Chris Reed, Mark Davis, Samuel Rhodes, Pam Griffith, Scott Taetsch, Elizabeth Harris, Myrtha Glaude, Jose Duran, Tim Nicholls, Nikki Johnson, Jason Searls, Marshall Kennedy, Lance Gidden, Rod Cajulis, Michelle Herrera, Catherine Draper, Monyka Ruiz, Christine Bond Jawish, and Alicia Slade.

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