



# ENERGY CONNECTION



Core Values: Leadership, Professionalism & Technical Knowledge through Dedication to Duty, Integrity, Ethics, Honor, Courage & Loyalty

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Energy,

Given the optempo lately, I want to say I am incredibly proud of all the great things you're doing to not only support our customers but also to support each other. Between recognition, teambuilding and career development efforts and the operational demands, you continue to keep up the pace and exceed expectations!

This week, we are holding the DLA Energy Pre-Command Course welcoming incoming regional commanders to the team. This summer COL Alphonso Simmons will assume command of Americas, LTC Mario Almada will assume command of Middle East, LTC Jeremia Van will command Korea, and Maj Dominic Baker will command Japan. Mr. Kless and I are excited to meet the new leaders and bring them up to speed on our great Energy mission.

Speaking of changes of command, on June 21 I will turn over command of DLA Energy to Rear Admiral George Bresnihan. While the needs of the Navy cut my tour short, I truly believe this is one of the best jobs within DOD and I will cherish the connections and bonds I've made. As I've said before, DOD's ability to operate under or on the sea, on the ground, in the air or in space is accomplished because of the products, services and expertise of DLA Energy.

Mr. Kless and I are looking forward to the great upcoming events including our WVEC April 22-24, our All Hands April 30, our Springfest May 9, and the induction of Carol O'Leary to the DLA Hall of Fame May 21. Like I said, the pace is high, but our spirit is just as high! Stay on course team!

## Your DLA Energy Committees

Your daily job is important, but the tools and resources you need to be the best at your job are also important. The DLA Energy Training, Supervisory, Culture Climate and Advance Equity & Inclusion committees are working hard to help you be all you can be (HOOAH!).

The committees are made up of your colleagues and everyone is encouraged to get involved. Each of the four committees report to the Advisory & Integration Council – the Commander, Deputy Commander, and/or Chief of Staff.

"It's important to have representation from all across the Energy team," said the DLA Energy Program Manager Drake Utley. "We want to hear from everyone and be inclusive of all ideas and feedback to continue to improve on Energy's very strong culture."

The **Committee to Advance Equity & Inclusion (AE&I)** is the rebranding of the former Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility committee established in 2021. The committee's goals are to provide a path for success for DLA Energy through workforce diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility through sustainability.

"I am ecstatic that I received so many volunteers to serve on AE&I," said R. (Thea) Miller-Smith, the interim AE&I chairperson. "I am reaching out to the team to establish our monthly battle rhythm with the first meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 6."

The **Culture Climate Committee** is currently actively working to develop a new Culture Action Plan based on the results of the most recent Denison Survey. The group has been meeting weekly with J1 representatives to outline the plan.

The Culture Climate Committee Chair is currently Catherine Draper, Co-Chair is Lindsey Hicks and Champion is Maria Spicer. The next full committee meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 9am ET (a second meeting is scheduled for 7pm ET to accommodate different time zones).

The **DLA Energy Supervisory Committee** Chair is currently Jennifer Phillips Iribarren, and the Co-Chair is Susan Turner. The Champion position is currently vacant. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 6 at 2pm ET when the committee will consider whether to obtain several new optional J1 leadership training courses and, if obtained, how the training will be delivered.

The **DLA Energy Training Committee** Chair is currently Ditu Kasuyi. The Co-Chair is Dari Carver, and the Champion is Doug Thomas. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 18 at 10am ET.

**If you are interested in getting involved, contact [DLAenergyCAG@dla.mil](mailto:DLAenergyCAG@dla.mil)**

## EOQs

Congratulations to the DLA Energy FY24 Q1 military, civilian & strategic goals employees of the quarter.

### Company Grade:

**Army CPT Joseph Keliihanui**

DLA Energy Indo-Pacific

### Senior Noncommissioned Officer:

**Army SFC Adrian Moreno**

DLA Energy Americas West

### Category C Civilian (GS13-15/WS):

**John Reed**, DLA Energy Indo-Pacific

### Category B Civilian (GS/WG/WL 7-12):

**Ron Bock**, DLA Energy Americas North

### DLA Director's Strategic Goals Award:

**Individual Award: Jaime J. Sanchez**

DLA Energy Americas North

**Team Award: Okinawa Pipeline Support**

[Learn more about the winners in this DLA news story](#)

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



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more on  
[Defense.gov](#)

## JOB WELL DONE!

### DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month"

**SFC Courtney Butcher**

SFC Butcher is the Europe & Africa Senior Enlisted Leader and Customer Operations NCOIC. She serves as a liaison with EUCOM and AFRICOM Joint Petroleum Offices, service components, and other agencies, is the



assistant desk officer for AFRICOM, and oversees 59 DFSPs across two combatant commands and two continents. She completed an 80-hour Lean Six Sigma course earning a Green Belt and used the knowledge to improve DLA Energy products and services. In addition, she coordinated DLA's Senior Enlisted Leader CMSgt Dyer's visit to Kaiserslautern; DLA-E E&A Commander's Townhall; and two officer promotion ceremonies.

## HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to **Carol O'Leary**, former director of DLA Finance Energy, who will be inducted into the DLA Hall of Fame on May 21! [Learn more about the ceremony and other inductees in this DLA news story.](#)

**Has a former DLA Energy employee or leader made an impact on you? Nominate them for the 2024 DLA Energy Hall of Fame!**

Any current DLA Energy employee can make a nomination!

Packages are due Thursday, May 9.

[Specific guidelines and eligibility requirements are available in this DLA Today announcement.](#)

**Mark your calendars!**

**Apr 22-24:** DLA Energy Worldwide Energy Conference. Learn more on the [WWEC webpage](#).

**April 30:** DLA Energy All Hands, 10am

**May 9:** DLA Energy Springfest, more info coming!

**June 21:** DLA Energy Change of Command between CAPT Anderson and [Rear Adm George Bresnihan](#).

## PaCE is OPEN!

The Pathways to Career Excellence (PaCE) program in the Contracting area is open for applications. [View the USAJobs announcement.](#) This open-continuous announcement will close on September 27, 2024.

Share the news with students, alumni, and others!

## NEWS

### Women's History Month

DLA Energy employees celebrated Women's History Month March 26.



### Where are they now?

The DLA Energy Shadow Program helps rising employees envision themselves in positions of greater responsibility and leadership. Read about how the program helped four employees take on leadership roles.