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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER **Ms. Patricia Wilkins**

Hello Team Energy. I am honored and humbled to serve as your acting Deputy Commander.

For more than 20 years, I have been a part of the DLA team with 17 of those years with DLA Energy. Starting my career in 1999 at the Defense Energy Support Center, I have gained invaluable experience and leadership working quality programs, participating in enterprise initiatives and collaborating with teams in support of acquisitions. Prior to returning to the Energy team in February as the Director of the Quality Technical Directorate, I worked in DLA J34 (Logistics, Policy, and Strategic Programs) in the Technical and Quality Assurance Division.

I look forward to the challenge and opportunity to advance strategic initiatives through streamlining processes and establishing plans to achieve objectives.

Most importantly, I look forward to working with all of you and getting feedback about how I can best support your role and our mission to provide globally resilient energy solutions to the Warfighter and Whole of Government.

Much has changed in the past 14 months since many of us have been in the workplace. While there is still no anticipated date for us to return to work, part of reintegrating is ensuring team members who have been on extended telework or leave come together safely and reengage with their teammates.

Throughout the pandemic, DLA's focus has been on social distancing in workspaces, quarantining and isolating, wearing face coverings, sanitizing workspaces, and telework.

As we begin to think about returning to the workplace, other factors must be considered on issues regarding human resources, safety and occupational health, general counsel, employee assistance programs, resilience, equal employment opportunity, sexual assault prevention and response, and more.

DLA Energy will hold a series of civility and SAPR training sessions intended to prepare Energy personnel to return physically to the workplace.

The goal of the training is to provide a one hour guided conversation where you can address your concerns and ask questions. There will be four EEO and four SAPR sessions available to choose from May 19 to June 3 which accommodate various time zones.

Through email, you will receive an Outlook calendar invite for each session. Please choose the session that works best for your schedule. All employees are highly encouraged to participate, and DLA Energy senior leadership will provide introductory remarks.

Wednesday, 19 May: EEO at 1000 and 1700 ET

Thursday, 20 May: SAPR at 1000 and 1700 ET

Wednesday, 26 May: EEO at 1000 and 1700 ET

Thursday, 3 Jun: SAPR at 1000 and 1700 ET

If you have questions or concerns that you'd like to share with DLA Energy leadership, you can send an anonymous virtual suggestion through the DLA Virtual Suggestion Box here - <http://go.usa.gov/xAR95>. While the site itself is CAC-enabled, your contact information is not shared unless you elect to share it with your comment.

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

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Across the nation, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders contribute to a rich and deeply rooted heritage.

Born in the Phillipines, Brig. Gen. Jimmy Canlas talks about what his heritage means to him and why it's important in this [spotlight article](#).

Q&A

Q: News articles often highlighted in the DLA Daily Media Report provide information that I believe gives our adversaries some advantage. Is DLA supplying this information to the media?

A: DLA Energy, in coordination with DLA HQ Public Affairs, carefully reviews all media queries received and coordinates with subject matter experts to prepare responses that are reviewed by DLA General Counsel and OPSEC prior to release to ensure no security information is improperly released. The vetted information is then sent to OSD Public Affairs who works directly with national media outlets to provide information.

Defense Civilian Emerging Leadership Program

FY22 DCELP nominations due May 21, 2021!

DCELP is a DOD cohort and competency-based leadership development program for entry level and emerging leaders.

Career (permanent tenure), full-time, DLA civilian General Schedule (GS), Wage Supervisors (WS), and Wage Leaders (WL) in grades 7 through 12 equivalents are eligible.

To learn more about the cohorts, program dates, requirements, nomination process and other details, read [this DLA Today announcement](#).

DLA 2nd Quarter Employees of the Quarter

Congratulations to the following DLA Energy employees who were selected to compete in the DLA 2nd quarter Employee of the Quarter Program.

GS/WG/WL 7-12 category

William Kennedy

DLA Energy Japan Resolution Specialist

GS13-15/WS category

Irene Smith

DLA Energy Strategic Communications Group Deputy Director and Public Affairs Officer

Strategic Goals Award Small Team Category

DLA Energy Americas East Southeast Quality Team

Fernando Romero

Army SFC Billy Viljoen

Stacy Stoll

Ronnie Brock

Bryan Hill

Elias Odar

Angela Phillips

AF TSgt Dominic Mersino

Jerry Allen



BRAVO ZULU!

Congratulations to Barry Humphrey, the DLA Energy J6 business relationship manager, who earned a Ph.D. in Information Systems and Communications from Robert Morris University in Pittsburg May 6!

Mark your calendars!

May 18: Coffee with the Commander at 9:30 a.m. and at 5 p.m. ET open to employees GS-13 and below.

May 18: DLA Global Town Hall at 4 p.m. ET on [DLA Facebook](#)

June 29: DLA Energy All Hands & Supervisor Town Hall

NEWS



LNOs build connections with Middle East energy partners

DLA Energy LNOs conducted site visits in Kuwait and Oman to learn more about challenges and unique energy needs of the Middle East region.



Preparing to take command

Prospective DLA Energy commanding officers participated in an in person pre-command orientation May 6-7. The two-day course is designed to prepare them for their role and responsibilities as fuel providers to Combatant Commanders.



Directly Delivery Fuels shines bright as the "Best-in-Class"

DLA Energy DDF is designated Best-in-Class by the OMB as the mandatory source for all DOD and federal civilian agency fuel requirements greater than 10,000 gallons per year in the continental U.S. and 20,000 gallons per year outside the continental U.S.

Read this story and more in the [May issue of the Industry Connection newsletter](#).