



# ENERGY CONNECTION



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

It's been a tremendous privilege to serve alongside Brig Gen Canlas in the Acting Deputy Commander position. I've been able to see Energy's contributions at the Enterprise level and witness all the hard work that goes into everything happening at Energy.

Returning to DLA Energy and then being asked to fill in as this role has been one of the most exciting and challenging opportunities in my more than 20 years with DLA.

On July 19, we will welcome Mr. David Kless who will be taking the mantle as the permanent Deputy Commander. Mr. Kless has served as the DLA Logistics Operations (J3) Executive Director, Operations and Sustainment responsible for the oversight, management, and control of enterprise combat logistics support mission readiness.

When I return to my permanent position as the Director of the Quality Technical Directorate, I will bring with me a deepened appreciation for all DLA Energy does. I am continually awed by the breath of Energy's mission and the dedication of its workforce in supporting the Warfighter.

Thank you for all of your support! As we move forward and welcome Mr. Kless, I want to leave you with an inspirational thought by Vincent van Gough, "Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."

## Reintegration Update

As pandemic conditions improve, DLA Energy is taking a strong lead in reintegration initiatives to prepare employees to return to the workplace safely and professionally. Nearly 1,500 employees participated in recent EEO/SAPR Reintegration Training.

As policies are updated and reopenings occur, it's important we continue to follow and respect any restrictions or specific guidelines established. Similar to how we started the pandemic, it will take time to adjust to the new normal.

### Updated DLA Mask Policy

Effective June 4, fully vaccinated DLA employees are no longer required to wear a mask at DLA facilities, bringing the Agency in line with current guidance from the DOD and the [CDC](#).

Fully vaccinated means two full weeks have passed since the second dose of a two-shot vaccine or the one dose of a single-shot vaccine.

Onsite DLA employees who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a face mask that consistently covers the nose and mouth and meets current CDC guidance.

Vaccinated employees may wear a mask at their own discretion. It's important to respect all colleagues and keep in mind there are many reasons individuals may elect to continue wearing a mask: unvaccinated, not yet fully vaccinated, vaccinated but taking additional precautions for their own health or a loved one's health (including children under 12 years old), or that mask-wearing alleviates symptoms of other health conditions such as allergies or asthma.

Please pay attention to establishments that may still require a mask like Pass & ID Offices, Child Development Centers, snack bars, and other congested customer facing areas.

### Other updates:

The HQC Pod 8 snack bar is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Thursday with restrictions: limit of two customers at a time; use designated in/out doors; observe waiting areas; cashier will serve coffee; high-touch surfaces will be cleaned at least once per hour.

The HQC Barber Shop is open on Tuesdays/Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Barber Shop at 703-781-0507.

The HQC Fitness Center is open from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday but closed every three hours for 30 minutes of enhanced cleaning. Occupancy is limited to 25 patrons and locker rooms remain closed. There are no group exercise sessions at this time.

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



## New ASOC Energy LNO

Congratulations and welcome to Mr. Michael West as the new Energy LNO to the Agency Synchronization and Operations Center at DLA Headquarters. Mike has extensive U.S. Army petroleum and Energy regional experience and comes from our Strategic Policy and Procedures Directorate where he is a Program Manager. Mike will serve until Aug. 30, 2021.

Consider volunteering to be the next ASOC Energy LNO! In the role, you are Energy's representative that communicates what we bring to the overall Agency and liaises with senior leadership across the agency. Those selected will develop a heightened awareness of DLA operations, gain first-hand knowledge of the Enterprise in action, and help synchronize DLA support to the nation, not only during crises, but also throughout our day-to-day operations.

Currently, the LNO is a six-month rotation and is open to employees at the GS-12/13 level. Those selected at the GS-12 level are eligible for temporary promotions to GS-13. Additionally, applicants must possess a Secret Clearance that is active or adjudicated and can be activated. Supervisor and business unit director pre-approval is mandatory for consideration.

If you are interested, please send your name to the [CCC box](#). For any questions, contact [Mr. Bruce Jones](#).

### Lunch & Learn

**What:** DLA Energy Lunch & Learn: Managing Anxiety and Worry During Uncertain Times

**When:** Tuesday June 22 at 11:30 ET

**Who:** Ms. Cynthia Clark, DoD EAP Field Consultant

**How:** Microsoft Teams

For further information, please contact [DLA Energy Strategic Communications Group](#).

### CUI FAQs

The DLA Intelligence Office posted [a list of Controlled Unclassified Information FAQs on DLA Today](#).

The Q&A is meant to help employees better understand the new DLA policy, DLAI 5200.48, published Jan. 28 which **eliminates For Official Use Only** labeling and provides new guidance on labeling unclassified information that's sensitive but doesn't require classification as CUI.

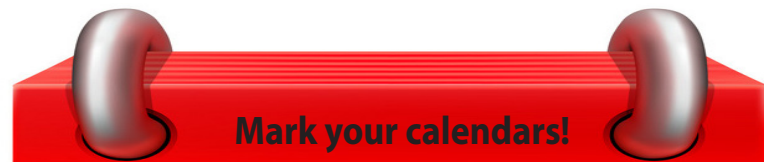
### Expand your knowledge!

Tune in to the J68 Research and Development Summer Solstice Brown Bag Lunch Series to learn more about **Dev-Sec-Ops (June 19)** and **DoD Enterprise Architecture (June 30)**.

For more information, contact [Logistics.Research@dla.mil](mailto:Logistics.Research@dla.mil).

Submit newsletter ideas to the DLA Energy Suggestion Box

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**DATE CHANGE!** DLA Energy All Hands & Supervisor Town Hall will be July 19. Stay tuned for details.

### DLA 2nd Quarter Employees of the Quarter

Congratulations to the following DLA Energy employees who won at the DLA-wide level for 2nd quarter Employee of the Quarter.

#### 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**

### DID YOU KNOW?

**DOD civilians can now use base exchanges**

[According to new guidance](#), DOD civilians can now shop at the Post/Base Exchanges. For more information, visit the [Military OneSource webpage](#).