



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

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as DLA Energy's Acting Deputy Commander over the last few months. Next Monday, July 19, we will welcome Mr. David Kless who will be taking the mantle as the permanent Deputy Commander.

Returning to DLA Energy and being asked to serve alongside Brig Gen Canlas in the Acting Deputy position has been one of the most exciting and challenging opportunities in my more than 20 years with DLA. 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.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you when I return to my permanent position as the Director of the Quality Technical Directorate. I am grateful for the relationships I've built and the experiences I've gained serving as your deputy. I'm continually awed by the breath of Energy's mission and the dedication of its workforce in supporting the Warfighter.

My parting message, as the Acting Deputy Commander, is to be ready to take on new responsibilities at a moment's notice and accept new challenges when offered. Everyone can make a difference. If you see the opportunity to make a change or improve something, do it.

To Mr. Kless, Welcome to Energy! You have a great, professional and dedicated team.

## DLA Energy Reconstitution & Reintegration

DLA reconstitution and reintegration are on the minds of a lot of employees. *When will it happen? What will it look like? What aspects won't return to "normal"?*

Many of these questions are still being evaluated. Guidance requires DLA (and all of DOD) to update COVID-19 workplace safety plans in line with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, submit it to the Safer Federal Workplace Task Force for review, and work with OMB to finalize a phased plan for reentry.

The guidance requires the reentry planning to be complete by July 19. Additional steps, such as formal notifications to employees and implementation of the plans, will occur after DoD's phased plan is approved by OMB and the safety plan is approved by the Task Force.

DLA HQ is refining plans on how personnel will return to the HQC incrementally in a safe and methodical manner. Careful thought is being given to all types of situations, including employees and/or dependents with high-risk health that could be at higher risk if exposed to COVID, employees with issues arranging dependent (child or elderly) care after attempting on their own, those who have transportation issues (e.g. van pools), and other considerations.

One high interest topic is telework. While the DLA Strategic Plan Future of Work line of effort may present potential policy changes, there has been no change to the DLA Telework Policy. Therefore, DLA Energy employees are required to adhere to the conditions set forth in the [DLA telework program](#).

Remember to update your telework agreement. Because a telework agreement defines so many work factors and is an agreement between a supervisor and an employee, it must be replaced or reaffirmed whenever a change occurs.

As we continue to move forward with our lives and return to some sense of normality after the pandemic, please continue to follow DLA, DoD, federal, state, and local guidelines for COVID restrictions. Maintain safety practices, social distance, and inform your supervisor of any influenza-like symptoms, and/or need to seek medical attention.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to several DLA Energy employees who recently graduated from or were selected for professional development programs.

**Bryan Simmons** completed the [Excellence in Government Fellows Program](#). **Patricia Littlejohn** and **Chris Boeding** completed [Harvard's Senior Executives Fellows program](#).

Six DLA Energy employees graduated from the [DLA Insights to Industry Course](#) on June 18: **Jose Figueroa-Jimenez, Juanita Goodwyn, Anastasia Prado, Linda Ryan, Louis Sampract** and **Dominique Vest**. The course was held at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in Charlottesville, VA, from June 6-18.

**Anastasia Prado** and **Linda Ryan** were recognized for their active participation and superior academic performance by the University of Virginia Darden School of Business Faculty.

Congratulations to the following members of our acquisition workforce who were selected for the [DLA Insights to Industry Management Course](#) for Aug. 8-20, 2021: **Shelly Brayboy, Marlin Ingram, William Kennedy,** and **Ketah Watson**.

**Bruce Blank, Roger Brown, Daniel Ferry, Stephen Nichols, Macon Reuben Robinson** and **Marcel Ocampo** were selected for the [DLA Understanding Government-Industry Relationship in Sustainment](#) at the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, July 11-16, 2021. Alternates are: **Nicholas Ignacio** and **Kim Madison**.

For more information about the Executive Development Program, go to the [DLA HR website](#). For more information on Training with Industry contact [Laceenis Fordham](#).

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Minimize personal use of the DLA internet and adhere to DLA I 8500.01 Vol 3 Cybersecurity Rules of Behavior.

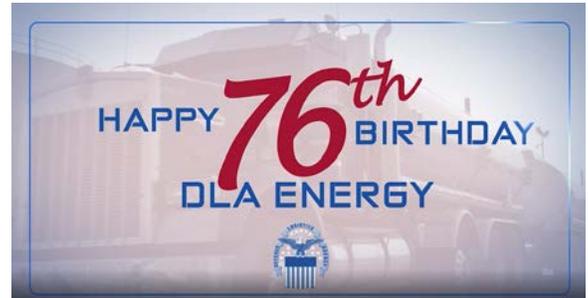
We are still in a time of high telework and heavy internet use during the workday can cause our bandwidth to slow impacting our ability to process information.

When online, be mindful of the websites you visit and the information you provide. Nefarious actors are constantly trying to infiltrate our systems, and one wrong click in a website can unleash viruses and other malware that could impact DLA systems.



DLA Energy All Hands & Supervisor Town Hall will be July 19. Check your email for more details.

### *"Forged by History, Focused on the Future"*



For over seven and a half decades, DLA Energy has played a major role supporting Warfighters around the world. As years went by, our organization continued to transform as we took on new missions to meet our customer's needs.

One thing, however, that has not changed is the professionalism of our team and our world-class support. On July 8th, we celebrated our long legacy as we look forward to providing innovative energy solutions aligned with the speed of change.

Brig Gen Canlas told employees, "As the 40th Commander of DLA Energy, it is a privilege and honor to be a part of this great organization. Thank you for all you have done that contributed to our 76 year legacy!"

[Watch the birthday video on DVIDs.](#)

On Oct. 1, DLA will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Starting this month, DLA's history will be highlighted on the website and social media platforms with spotlights from MSCs and directorates.



DLA Energy history will be the focus during two periods: Sept. 5-11 and Oct. 31-Nov.6.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

**Kay Teagle** of DLA Installation Management Richmond, Virginia, won the DLA 60th anniversary slogan contest? Her "Forged by History, Focused on the Future" was selected from the other 262 suggestions!  
**[Read more in this DLA News story.](#)**