



ENERGY CONNECTION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Energy team,

This past summer, many of us watched the Tokyo Summer Olympics. My family and I enjoyed gathering around the TV watching Olympians compete at the highest levels. But this Olympics was different, not only because of the COVID protocols, but also the emphasis on the importance of mental health.

We, and the world around us, are facing challenging times. The deteriorating conditions in Kabul, the COVID Delta 4 variant, Tropical Storm Henri, the loss of Team Americas friend and colleague, and families who are returning to school are all additional stressors in our lives.

Much like the Olympians, our team continues to perform at gold medal levels. Also like the world-class athletes, we face emotional, mental, and physical challenges we must overcome. For me, I appreciate the highlighting of mental health. My hope is that becomes more normalized for us to seek professional mental health assistance, just as we would seek medical care if we twisted an ankle or caught the flu.

We have resources available to help. Our Employee Assistance Program and counselors are available to assist you and family members at 866-580-9046.

The safety and well-being of our workforce continues to be my top priority. Our people are our most important resource, and we need all of you to be in top shape to carry out our important mission of supporting the Warfighter.

Please, continue to take care and be mindful of your mental and physical health.

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DLA Energy Hall of Fame

Congratulations the 2020 and 2021 DLA Energy Hall of Fame inductees! Four great DLA Energy employees from our past were selected for this noteworthy achievement. They are:

Class of 2020
Michael Broderick
Lula Manley

Mr. Broderick served as the served in various capacities within DLA Energy during his military and federal civilian career. His achievements over the course of his 42-year career with the U.S. government, 12 years of which were with DLA Energy as a civilian, notably as the director of Business Process Support Directorate.

Ms. Manley began her distinguished career with DLA Energy in 1984. Her 26-year career began initially as a supervisory contracting officer in the Direct Delivery Fuels Ground Fuels division, ending in 2010, as associate director of the Office of Small Business Programs.

Class of 2021
Lee Oppenheim
Martin Harty

Mr. Oppenheim distinguished himself as the premiere Energy technical expert with DLA from 1976 to 2018 in the Quality Technical Directorate. His distinguished 42-year career with the federal government culminated as the Quality Technical Directorate Deputy.

Mr. Harty served as the DLA Energy General Counsel from 1975 to 1988 where he guided the agency through the unprecedented volatile petroleum marketplace of the 1970-1980s including implementing regulations under the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973 and the National Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Harty went on to serve as the Deputy General Counsel (Logistics) in DLA Headquarters, 1988-1990.

Induction into the DLA Energy Hall of Fame acknowledges the vital role people play in DLA Energy's current and long-term success. It honors and preserves their exceptional service, dedication, and contributions.

Current and new generations of employees should look upon the inductees as role models and inspiration to motivate them to continue their stellar support to the Warfighter.

Mark your calendars for the DLA Energy Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 19. More details to follow.

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

DLA Annual Employee Award Nominations

Congratulations to Energy's nominees!

Outstanding Employees award nominees:

Mr. William Kennedy (Japan) in category B
Mr. Victor Cabali (Middle East) in category C

Leaders of the Year award nominees:

Level 1: Mr. Raymond Morris (Japan)
Level 2: Mr. Daniel Olmstead (Middle East)
Level 3: Mr. Sloane Struse (Middle East)
Level 4: Mr. Christopher Boeding (Japan)

Team Performance nominees:

Small Team: Americas East Southwest Quality Team
Medium Team: Americas East Emergency Response Supply Planner Team
Large Team: Okinawa Operations Team

"I offer my personal thanks to everyone who was part of the larger team that continues to make us successful day-in and day-out. Congratulations to all the winners and to those who were submitted for competition! Good luck!"

- DLA Energy Commander Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

The DLA-level awardees are expected to be announced in early January.

Important IT Announcements

- **SIGN OUT:** Employees should SIGN OUT (NOT shut down) their computers at the end of the workday. Important updates are pushed off hours and computers that are turned off will not receive these updates. Once the computer is turned back on, updates may slow the machine down or cause problems with operation.
- **DCS:** Defense Collaboration Services to be decommissioned in the unclassified network on Sept. 1, 2021. Other collaboration tools for use include Microsoft Teams, WebRTC and Zoomgov. Learn about these tools in the [collaboration guide](#).
- **Outlook Retention:** New Outlook retention/deletion policy takes effect Oct. 1. Emails will be purged/deleted on a continuous, daily cycle when they are seven years old. [For more information on what to do, read this J6 DLA Today Announcement.](#)

Mark your calendars!

Leaders are planning both a morning and evening session to accommodate regional time zones:

Sept 9: Donuts with Deputy

Oct. 19: DLA Energy Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

CONDOLENCES



On Monday, Aug. 16, a member of the Energy team, Mr. Tim Ferguson, unexpectedly passed away.

Tim has been a member of the DLA Energy Americas East since 2015.

A dedicated and skilled Customer Account Specialist, Tim earned the Americas East Employee of the Quarter in February 2020. He will be greatly missed by everyone he touched.

Please keep Tim's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Important Admin Announcements

- **Check LMS Supervisor:** Make sure your Learning Management System profile has your 1st line supervisor correct. If incorrect, approvals cannot be executed and will have to be withdrawn. [For more information review this DLA Today Announcement.](#)
- **DEERS Info:** Check your [ID Card Office Online](#) profiles and ensure all tabs are updated (PERS, MIL, RET, CIV, etc). [More information in this Announcement.](#)
- **Update FEPAAS:** Contact information in the [Fourth Estate Access and Accountability System \(FEPASS\)](#) is used to account for DLA staff, overseas contractors and family members during an emergency like a hurricane.
 - **SUPERVISORS:** Check your access in the system periodically otherwise access will be removed.
- **Email Distro Lists:** Verify you (and your team) are on appropriate DLA Energy email distribution lists (e.g. DLA Energy All Government Employees, DLA Energy HQC Employees Only, DLA Energy All Supervisors, etc). Send edits to [DLA Energy Public Affairs](#).
- **Leave Reminders:**
 - **2021 Leave Restoration:** Leave must be scheduled AND approved before Nov. 20, 2021 in order to be eligible for leave restoration after Jan. 1, 2022.
 - **Restored 2020 Annual Leave:** Any remaining 2020 Annual Leave restored under the 2021 NDAA will expire on Jan. 1, 2022. The NDAA restored leave will not pay out and is not eligible to be donated.
 - **Leave Donation:** Use/Lose leave must be donated prior to Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 so it can be properly processed by Payroll.
 - [More about leave in this Announcement](#)

PICNIC POSTPONED

Based on COVID uptick and associated restrictions, the DLA Energy HQC Fall Picnic is postponed. Stay tuned for announcements of a Spring 2022 event!