

# **ENERGY CONNECTION**



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER **Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas**

It's hard to believe that we're closing out another fiscal year. As we go into the home stretch, I want to thank the Energy team for your unwavering dedication. COVID-19 continues to throw us challenges postponing, once again, events like the DLA Energy Hall of Fame. We're planning to hold a hybrid ceremony in early 2022 where our 2020/21 inductees can be highlighted in a live video feed to the workforce. More to follow.

A huge shout out to the DLA Energy America's team for their FEMA support and close coordination with suppliers and DFSPs to ensure adequate levels of supply for Hurricane Ida recovery. Thank you to the five Task Force Americas members who deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi to oversee the FEMA fuels contingency contract: Dan Schmidt, Melissa Rodriguez, Jeff Cotton, Calvin Williams, and Army TSqt Dominic Mersino. Your dedication is admirable.

By now, you've probably read or heard about Executive Order 14043 that requires all Federal Executive Branch employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The Safer Federal Workforce Task Force issued <u>new FAQs</u> and <u>updated guidance</u>, which states all Federal employees must be fully vaccinated by Nov. 22, 2021. DLA continues to wait for implementing instructions from the DoD. As soon as more information is available, we will share it with you. Anyone with questions concerning the vaccine mandate can email Energy.SCG@dla.mil.

Please continue to stay healthy and balanced. Let's monitor our mental and emotional health just as we do with our physical health. The article on the right outlines some ways to help ourselves and others.

## **Suicide Prevention Month**

Suicide Prevention Month is an opportunity to educate ourselves about suicide and raise awareness of signs, prevention tactics and available resources to protect one another against suicide.



Mental health is as important as physical health. Do you need help with your mental health? If you don't know where to start, click the graphic to learn more.

Suicide is complicated and tragic. It is also often preventable. Knowing the warning signs can help save lives. Click the graphic below to learn more.

Connections with family, friends, and the community can play an important role in preventing suicide, especially in these unique and challenging times.

We can help each other by standing together and taking every opportunity – in our homes, at work, and in conversations

with friends and mentors – to connect with and support one another. Be kind, you never know what someone else may be going through.





Learn about what to do if you think someone might be at risk for self-harm by reading these 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain. Click the graphic to learn more.

If you're in crisis, there are options available to help you cope. You can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 any time to speak to someone and get confidential support. The Crisis Text Line is also available. Text "HELLO" to 741741 to be connected to a Crisis Counselor over text.



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



During National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, we honor the heritage, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. DLA Energy is highlighting employees for their enduring contributions to the agency's global mission of logistics support to America's warfighters.

Read this story honoring Army Lt. Col. Jose Medina.

#### **NEWS**

DLA Energy South-West Pacific completed a new fuel tanker offload facility on Andersen AFB, Guam. More here.



Q&A: <u>Learn more about how junior employees can broaden</u> their skillsets through technical and leadership capacities.

Reminder: New Outlook retention/deletion policy in effect Oct. 1. Emails will be deleted on a continuous, daily cycle when they are seven years old. Read more in this DLA Today IT Announcement.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, Mr. Ronald Staten unexpectedly passed. Ronnie worked in the DLA Energy Terminal Operations branch for more than five of his 31 years of federal service. He served a total of 26 years in the U.S. Air Force retiring as a Master Sergeant while assigned to Air Force Petroleum Office. Following retirement, he served six years as civilian employee



with AFPET before joining the DLA Energy team.

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



# Mark your calendars!



**Oct. 7:** Coffee with the Commander 1-2 pm and 5-6 pm EST (Military Personnel only)

**Oct. 14:** Donuts with the Deputy 10-11 am, 6-7 pm EST, (Business unit/Regional Deputy Directors only)

Nov. 2: DLA Energy All Hands and Supervisor's Town Hall

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome **Dominica "Dom" Gay**, our new DLA Energy Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Office Complaints Manager.

She replaces Adrian Morrison who joined the Department of Homeland Security as a lawyer.

Previously, she served in the DLA headquarters EEO office.



The DLA Energy Diversity and Inclusion Committee Special Emphasis Program welcomes two new program managers to the team:

Ms. Gladys White, Black Employment Program Manager

Ms. Pamela (Kris) Lester, Federal Women's Program Mgr

Congratulations and thank you for volunteering!

As a reminder, here are your POCs for the four committees under the DLA Energy Advisory and Integration Council:

#### **Supervisory Committee**

- Patti Rivera Chair
- Caitlin O'Leary Co-Chair
- Callie Ettleson Lake Champion

#### **Training Committee**

- Ditu Kasuyi Chair
- Dari Carver Co-Chair
- Doug Thomas Champion

#### **Culture Climate Committee**

- · Natasha Robinson Chair
- Joy Griffith Co-Chair
- Greg Thevenin Champion

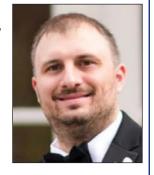
#### **Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

- Sloane Struse Chair
- · Keith Mills Co-Chair
- TBA Champion

Congratulations to Mr. Michael Park, chief of DLA

Energy Fuel Cards Program Office, for completing Enterprise Level Development Program level 3 – new civilian leaders.

The ELDP level 3 is a comprehensive two-year formal program for new supervisors to build fundamental knowledge of human resource management and interpersonal skills.



For more information, please visit <u>DLA's Enterprise Leader</u> <u>Development Program website (CAC-enabled).</u>