



# ENERGY CONNECTION



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER Mr. David Kless

Energy team,

As we begin the 101 Critical Days of Summer, I want to encourage everyone to take some well-deserved time off from the office and recharge. Summer means different things to different people – for some it means trips to the lake or camping, to others it means hanging out by the pool. For myself, I look forward to traveling and sightseeing with the family in our RV.

The benefits of a vacation are clear: improved productivity, lower stress, and improved mental health. At the same time, it can mean more sun exposure and higher temperatures, allergies, longer days, and more strenuous activity. Keeping safety in mind will help you have a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

With summer comes the hurricane season, the Atlantic 2022 hurricane season officially runs June 1 through Nov. 30. Forecasters are predicting a highly active season. Please remember, do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down and one foot of can sweep your vehicle away. Pay attention to the weather wherever your travels take you and avoid traveling in dangerous conditions.

Finally, let's not forget safety. Brig Gen Canlas and I are so proud of this team, and we need each one of you to be safe which includes safe driving. Distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 3,142 lives in 2020. When you're driving any vehicle, put the phone down and avoid distractions that may endanger you and your passengers. State legislature and governors make the laws regarding distracted driving. Many states now have laws against texting, talking on a cell phone, and other distractions while driving. You can visit the Governors Highway Safety Association to learn more.

Every year there are thousands of deaths and even more injuries from summer related activities. Let's make sure each of us does our part to avoid adding to those statistics this year! Have fun and be safe!

## Aerospace All Hands

During a trip to San Antonio, Texas, to meet with DLA Energy Aerospace hydrazine vendors, Brig Gen Canlas held an all hands with the Aerospace and Finance workforce in the area, May 12. He gave updates on NDAA and it's impacts to DLA Energy as well as Red Hill. He answered employee questions and got updates on how the new building was working out for the team.

Doug Smith, DLA Energy Aerospace Director, said employees were happy with the new office space and the IT equipment installation. Canlas thanked the San Antonio Facility Manager, Russell Anthony, for the work he'd done in prepping the new building and closing the old building.

During the meeting, he thanked the team for all the good work they are doing and coined a few of the team members.



Brig Gen Canlas took a selfie with the DLA Energy Aerospace and DLA Energy Finance team in San Antonio, Texas, after an all hands May 12. Roughly 70 employees gathered in person to hear Canlas' remarks.



Arnoldo Valenzuela



Kelly Cheverton



Melanie Mueller



Ida Elizondo



Bridgette Davis



Tammie Campbell

## HQC/NCR COVID-19 Status: HPCON B

Continue max telework until your designated re-entry date. Face masks not required in the HQC Complex but are required for HQC Child Development Center.

# NEWS

## DLA Energy Virtual Shadow Program

Monica Martin, a PaCE contract specialist

intern with Utility Services, shadowed contracting officer and Resiliency, Renewables and Energy Savings Performance Contracts Branch Chief **Andrea Kincaid** for five days in May. [Read about her experiences in this DLA news story.](#)

### Preparing for workplace reentry: A behind-the-scenes hero

While most DLA Energy employees began maximum telework 26 months, Kara Wagner volunteered to stay at the office. [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)



### New fuel commanders learn roles and responsibilities

Six incoming and outgoing DLA Energy regional military commanders participated in a two-day course to prepare them for their role and responsibilities. [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

### Return to Work Tips

DLA Intelligence reminds employees of their responsibility to protect people, assets and operations as they readjust from telework to the office. [Read tips to keep in mind in this DLA Today Announcement.](#)



## Mark your calendars!



June 7: DLA Energy Lunch & Learn, USAJOBS App Process, 11:30am

June 13: Supervisory Committee meeting, 8am

June 14: Advisory & Integration Council meeting, 8:30am

June 14: Culture Climate Committee meeting, 9:30am and 7pm

June 15: Donuts w/ Deputy (GS 13s and below), 10am and 6pm

\*Committee/council meetings are for members only. Get involved! Contact [SCG](#).

# JOB WELL DONE!

## DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month"

### MSgt Jason Vike



MSgt Vike, a QAR at Aviano Air Base, Italy, is a Government Purchase Card cardholder. During May, his attention to detail and dedication helped the DLA Energy GPC Program reach 100% compliance, achieving 97% overall for FY22. In

preparation for his pending retirement, MSgt Vike ensured the GPC Program was in order and ready for his replacement and other cardholders. He documented his historical knowledge, vendor info, certifications, and details needed for reconciliations. His engagement and coaching re-energized the GPC program for the command and for all of DLA Energy.



The front office team held a small luncheon to thank **Col. Wilkie** for his hard work and dedication as the Strategic Command Group Director for the past two years. Mr. Blank will be the new SCG Director until a replacement arrives.

## DLA Energy Spring Festival!!

Thank you to the team who helped organize this wonderful event!



*"The Festival succeeded beyond expectations with 171 folks attending! As a result of the picnic and the polo shirt sales, we are in great fundraising shape for the Energy Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 8th at the Springfield Hilton. A huge thanks and shout out to the dedicated and inspired picnic team; **Michelle Groat, James Clough, Paul Johnson, Darren Dunham, Skip Giesecking, and the DLA Energy Boosters Club** who created an exceptional enjoyable time for ALL!"*

*– Col. Mecham, Chief Of Staff*

