

# **ENERGY CONNECTION**



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY **COMMANDER Mr. Dave Kless** 

Wow, it's September already...where did the summer go? The good news is it's football season. I can't speak for you but know that I'm excited. I know many of you are working hard to close the FY22 books. While we've all been busy with demanding operations and reentry to the workplace, I want to say how grateful I am for your patience and perseverance. Thank you for navigating it all with grace and true professionalism.

Speaking of increased optempo, take some time to check in with yourself and others. September is National Suicide Prevention Month, which is a time to share resources and talk about ways to prevent suicide. According to 2020 CDC data, there were nearly two times as many suicides (45,979) in the U.S. as there were homicides (24,576). Suicide was the second leading cause of death among people ages of 10-14 and 25-34, the third among ages 15-24, and the fourth for ages 35-44.

Suicide is complicated and tragic, but it is often preventable. As we are beginning to see more of one another, reach out and touch base with colleagues. Ask them how they're doing. Individuals are more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful by after speaking to someone who listens without judgment.

Add the Crisis Text Line to your phone – it could save a life later. Just text "HELLO" to 741741 in the U.S. to be connected to a Crisis Counselor. Trained crisis counselors are available to talk 24/7/365.

This month, we also kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate the American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. As we honor the contributions of these Americans, be reminded our multicultural global organization is fortunate to have a limitless pool of talent, ideas, viewpoints and opinions.

As we charge into the Fall, take care of yourself, check in with others and reflect on your value to our society.

## **Petroleum Operations Orientation in the Pacific**

DLA Energy Korea hosted Petroleum Operations Orientation for 34 military and four civilian personnel across nine units representing Army, Air Force and three regional Energy commands across INDOPACOM from July 11-15.

The group learned more about quality assurance/surveillance, gauging and sampling, rail tank car/tank truck loading and discharge operations, and REPOL and POLCAP reporting procedures and the importance of accurate reports.

Classroom instruction was augmented with hands-on operations including gauging bulk fuel storage tanks and receiving operations for nine rail tank cars and one tank truck. The students also observed DLA Energy Laboratory personnel performing receipt samples and testing.

This training offered tenant units and the joint petroleum community networking opportunities to further collaborate and enhance interoperability for future exercises and operations across Energy regions in the Pacific.

DLA Energy Korea plans to conduct this training at least twice a year to ensure both military and civilian personnel are familiar with DFSP and petroleum operations in Korea.







## **HQC/NCR COVID-19 Status: HPCON A**

HQC Occupancy limited to <100%, social distancing highly recommended. Conference room normal seating restored.

#### What do DLA's Core Values mean to you?

"In my opinion, DLA's core values are representative of an agency with high standards and strong fundamental beliefs. The core value that means the most to me is integrity because it requires that we continuously strive to live a life with a high moral code, while adhering to ethical principles and values. I emulate core values everyday by providing my peers, leadership, and customers excellent and respectable service/assistance and by my commitment to resolving issues and executing tasks with professionalism."



Mrs. Radhiyah (Thea) Miller-Smith,
 DLA Energy Utility Services Contract Specialist

### 55th Annual DLA Employee Awards

Congratulations to the DLA Energy nominees for the 55th Annual DLA Employee Awards! DLA will announce winners in December.

#### **Outstanding DLA Employees award nominees**

**Ms. Melissa Rodriguez**, DLA Energy Americas West Quality Assurance Specialist, in category B (GS7-12 E7-E9/O1-O3)

Mr. Raymond W. Jure, DLA Energy Americas East Operations Management Specialist, in category C (GS13-15/WS O4-O6)

#### **DLA Team Performance nominees**

Small Team – Contracting Team: Fuel Redistribution Resulting from Permanent Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Closure (DLA Energy Bulk Petroleum Supply Chain Services) including Shedric Crump, Micherie Dougherty, Kirk Gamblin, Shane Banks, Ki Mun, Bruce DeSoto, and Richard Rines.

Large Team – **DLA Energy FSII Response Team** including:

**COL Raphael Heflin Jason Exum** Gabriella Earhardt **Keith Sylvia Erin Ralph** Josh Catlin Sean Lucas Callie Ettleson-Lake James Forde **Maria Norfleet Adam Gugelman Eduardo Davila Matt Padfield** Levi Wells Anastasia Prado Latasha McGee LTC Chris Masson Shona Lawrence

**Gabriel Tarango** John Stublar Joshua Zehler **Benjamin Beadles Richard Dickson Roger Sudtelgte** Michael Alessandro **Gary Simon Deon Freeman Christopher Ward Shiloh Moore Elvsia Bowles-Charles Nathan Nichols Robert Stupca Michael Carson Leon Lucas** Michael van Dongen **Wayne Holland** 

**Brvan Hill Angela Phillips Curtis Morgan CDR Frank Kim Tracy Keenan Bowdoin Swenson** Camillia Young Chris Christensen Jennifer Bertone **Kevin Sessions Michael Koury Daniel Baniszewski Richard Knapp Lori Taylor Cheng Yen** Sarah MacLean **Marcus Ortman** Jeffrev Harden

## **Congratulations to Josh Catlin**

Brig Gen Canlas and Mr. Kless presented Josh Catlin with the Superior Civilian Performance Award Aug. 31.

As the Deputy Director of Bulk Petroleum Products, Mr. Catlin was praised for his initiative, innovative ideas and ability to see the 'big picture.' He was recognized



for his unique sensibility, analytical skills, logic and knowledge of the extensive bulk petroleum supply chain, which helped develop timely solutions to ensure an uninterrupted supply of on spec fuel was available to warfighters despite supply chain obstacles.

#### **JOB WELL DONE!**

DLA Energy Europe & Africa "Energizer of the Month"

#### Ryan Lee

As a new member in Inventory Management, Mr. Lee quickly adapted to the fast-paced, highdemand operations producing daily supply chain and demand reports along with other requests. He actively worked with the Contracting Office to resolve issues with the Direct Delivery Fuels supply chain throughout Germany. He also serves



as alternate Responsible Person and Property Administrator for all the DFSP pipeline accounts.



During the week of August 22, Brig Gen Canlas and Mr. Kless were in Hawaii to meet with key stakeholders to discuss the defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Among the many meetings, the leaders toured the Maersk Peary tanker with DLA Vice Director Mr. Brad Bunn and other VIPs. The Maersk Peary is one of three CONSOL capable ships under contract. The team also learned of the increased role of the Maersk Peary in the defuel operations of Red Hill.



#### Mark your calendars!



**Sep. 12:** Supervisory Committee Meeting,\* 2:30pm

**Sep. 13:** Advisory and Integration Council Meeting,\* 9am

**Sep. 13:** Culture Climate Committee Meeting,\* 10am & 7pm

**Sep. 20:** Training Committee Meeting,\* 11am

**Sep. 21:** Coffee with Commander, 7:30am & 5pm (military only)

\*The committee and council meetings are for current members only. If you are interested in getting involved, contact <a href="mailto:DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil">DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil</a>.

## NEWS

## DLA Energy extends utility services partnership with Navy

The Department of Navy is extending its partnership with DLA Energy to privatize more government-owned utility systems on Navy installations nationwide.

