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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Happy Fall everyone! Like the weather, the leaves are changing indicating winter is on its way. The Fall is also the midpoint of our DPMAP cycle, an important milestone for progress reviews. This is a time for you to reflect on your professional growth and performance. It is important to objectively document both your successes and areas for improvement. You can find helpful resources on the [DLA DPMAP webpage](#).

I've recently returned from a visit to meet with suppliers, customers and international partners in Europe. Thank you to the DLA Energy Europe & Africa team for planning and executing all the travel and engagements. Particularly, my heartfelt appreciation goes to **LTC Fortune** and **Maj Alefosio** for their outstanding efforts. Special shout out to Mr. **Gerald Candelaria** for raising the bar on the Fuels Exchange Agreements Forum.

Speaking of kudos, thank you **Task Force Americas** for quickly responding to Hurricane Ian! As always, you surpass expectations and truly embrace the Support to the Nation and Trusted Mission Partner lines of effort in the Strategic Plan. Our support to civil authorities is an important mission and one you take to heart. Thank you!

The Fall is also a time to kick off the annual CFC fundraising efforts. CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign with funds supporting eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. Learn more on [OPM's CFC website](#).

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme is, "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation," which reminds us of the importance of incorporating all members of our teams and ensuring everyone has a voice to serve. Let's embrace everyone's differences as a valued part of our equity equation.

DLA Energy Fuels Exchange Agreements Forum

DLA Energy Europe & Africa hosted 13 partner nations and nearly 90 representatives for the 17th annual DLA Energy Fuels Exchange Agreements Forum in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Sept. 20-22.

Civilian and military personnel from Romania, Belgium, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Poland, Spain, Italy, and Ghana gathered in person. This year it was Ghana's first time attending the forum.

DLA Energy Europe & Africa Commander Army **LTC Benverren Fortune**, the event planner DLA Energy Europe & Africa International Agreements Chief **Gerald Candelaria** and their team put together what was the largest gathering in 17 years. Personnel from DLA Finance Energy in San Antonio, Texas, also attended.

"We gathered to discuss capabilities and challenges, reconcile financial transactions, and develop partnerships, while gaining a deeper understanding of how DLA Energy provides services to the warfighter," LTC Fortune said. "This forum assisted DLA Energy Finance to reconcile over \$40 million in unsettled invoices, as well as, allowed DLA Energy E&A International Agreements to sign three ACSA orders and mutually expedite processes with partner nations."

DLA Finance Energy Retail Management Division Chief **Patricia Canales**, Retail Support Branch Chief **Steven Boccock** and Retail Fuel Specialist **Alma Borrego** attended the forum to discuss financial settlements. They met with representatives from Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Norway, France, Italian Navy, Spanish Armada, German Ministry of Defense and Belgium MOD.

"One of the most beneficial accomplishments during the forum was the opportunity to sign settlements face-to-face and build relationships in person," Mrs. Canales said.

LTC Fortune added that this year's event would not have been possible without Mr. Candelaria's hard work and dedication.

"He envisioned it and exceeded that vision," LTC Fortune said.

Mr. Candelaria worked hard to conduct extensive outreach with over 120 foreign partners to include not only those countries with an established DLA Energy relationship but also those countries who may benefit from our partnership.

"These fuel agreements are essential elements not only during routine and emerging operations but also during international exercises like RIMPAC, Vigilant Shield, and the Defender Exercises in Europe," Mr. Candelaria said. "They help build supply chain efficiency, enhance interoperability, and strengthen long-term collaboration with partners around the world."

Mr. Candelaria credits his team for the event's success.

"It's an all-hands evolution: from running the slide decks, arranging base access, coordinating room reservations, arranging seating with name tags and name tents to simply making all our partners feel welcome," Mr. Candelaria said. "I am proud of what we accomplished and the future coordination that will result."

[Click to read more about DLA Energy's international partnerships](#)

HQC/NCR COVID-19 Status: HPCON A

HQC Occupancy limited to <100%, social distancing highly recommended.

Conference room normal seating restored.



JOB WELL DONE!



Left to right: Brig Gen Canlas, Melissa Roth, Rich Rines, Bruce DeSoto, Micherie Dougherty, Gabby Earhardt, Shedric Crump, Kirk Gamblin, Shane Banks, and Mr. Kless.

When fuel services stopped at DFSP Red Hill in December 2021, a team of DLA Energy experts jumped in to ensure uninterrupted fuel support to Hickman Air Force Base to avoid curtailing of flights and missions. The team members worked continuously across seven weeks (including weekends and two federal holidays) to accommodate this unforeseen and urgent need.

The team efficiently formalized the government's requirements, executed justification to expedite the procurement, resolved offer exceptions, negotiated a savings of \$2.9M, and vetted awardee capabilities to ensure a timely and best value solution. The award was made within 52 days of receipt of the requirements package, which exceeded standard operating procedures by 153 days (or 74%).

Way to go Task Force Americas!

In preparation for Hurricane Ian response operations, a TFA advance team arrived at Warner Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia, to support FEMA.

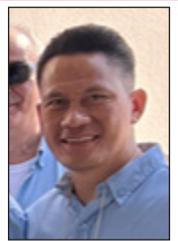


DLA Fuel Contingency Contracts were activated with over 70,000 gallons of diesel, 40,000 gallons of gasoline & 18,000 pounds of propane staged at Incident Support Base Warner Robbins. [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

DLA Energy Europe & Africa Energizer of the Month

Air Force Maj Jerry Alefosio

Maj Alefosio meticulously executed the DLA Energy Commander's visit to the Europe & Africa region. He coordinated several key engagements in the United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, and Germany with about 4,300 miles of travel, ending the extensive visit at the Fuels Exchange Agreement Forum.



With increased operations in the USEUCOM AOR, fuel requirements are at the highest levels in over 30 years. An integral part of the Customers Operations Division, Maj Alefosio coordinates daily with multiple services to ensure their non-cap requirements are met.



Congratulations to the **DLA Energy contracting officers** for completing an eight month long mentoring program cycle and for those who joined elite HCA Professional Development Circle of Excellence! [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

Mark your calendars!

- Oct. 10: Supervisory Committee meeting, 8:30am
 - Oct. 11: Advisory and Integration Council meeting, 8am
 - Oct. 18: Training Committee meeting, 11am
 - Oct. 18: Lunch and Learn via MS Teams, "Well-Being For A Healthier Body and Mind."
- *To join the committee and council meetings, contact DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil.