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## A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF Col Keith Mecham

Energy team,

In 1938 a baker and owner of the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts, was baking cookies for her guests. Going to the pantry to retrieve the usual baking chocolate, Ruth found the shelf bare. However, she found a semi-sweet chocolate bar that she chopped up and added to the dough. As the cookies baked and the smell permeated the Inn, Ruth noticed that unlike the usual baking chocolate that would melt into the dough, the semi-sweet chocolate bar she chopped up did not. Instead, it filled the cookie with sweet chunks of chocolate. The cookies were a hit and led Ruth Wakefield to start the Toll House company to sell her cookies.

Some might call this cookie creation an accident. Others might say it was innovative or it was born out of necessity. I say, serve mine fresh out of the oven with a tall glass of milk!

Some well-known accidental products include Post-it Notes, Super Glue, Velcro, Milk Duds, the Slinky and the implantable pacemaker.

The economy, financial constraints, supply/demand, labor and new technology can drive innovation. The physical environment, like a pandemic, can also be a factor.

As we look to celebrate National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day on Aug. 4, I encourage you to consider how you can use your unique gifts, experiences, knowledge and background to improve and adapt to the factors and changes that affect us as an agency and in our lives. I encourage your ideas, suggestions, and input as we continue to evolve and shape the future of Energy and our support to the Warfighter.

Thank you to each of you for your contributions and efforts that make this organization great. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to serve and associate with this dedicated team of energy professionals!

## New DFSP at the North Pole

DLA Energy Americas held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new DFSP North Pole on July 26.

No, not a place to fuel up the back up engine for Santa's sleigh in the Arctic Circle, but a DFSP in the city of North Pole, Alaska, located about 11 miles north of Eielson Air Force Base and 14 miles south of Fairbanks.

Keynote speaker for the ceremony was the newly returning DLA Americas Commander Army **COL Josiel Carrasquillo**. *Welcome back to the Energy family, Ma'am!* Alongside her was the DLA Energy Americas North Commander Air Force **Maj Barton Land**.

DFSP North Pole begins its journey as crude oil at the North Slope and travels 800 miles through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to multiple refineries. Ships, barges, rail, and trucks carry the fuels to their destinations. Weather, natural disasters and geographical roadblocks challenge the mission every day.

The North Pole facility was completed five months ahead of schedule and is strategically located to provide support to Eielson AFB with direct pipeline support and has the capability to support Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely by truck if required.

The construction of a contractor-owned, contractor-operated fuel storage facility was chosen as the best option to move forward to address the fuel storage deficiency, Land said.

In her remarks, Carrasquillo thanked Land and his team for their great work providing quality fuel solutions to the Warfighters of the North.

"We are the bulk petroleum logistics fuel experts and part of our Arctic Warriors," Carrasquillo said. "To the DLA Energy Americas North Team, I leave you with this charge; to keep up your phenomenal work and to always remember the 'why' of what we do: to serve the Warfighter and our Nation."



## 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.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following employees selected to attend the DLA "Insights into Industry Management" course at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. They begin their two-week course on Aug. 7 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Massoud Ahmadi**  
**Alexandro Cano**  
**Jeffrey Cotton**  
**Melvin Floyd**  
**Rodrigo Gonzalez**  
**Gregory Gutierrez**

**Jacqueline Imholte**  
**Taina Rivera**  
**Jamaal Rose**  
**Mark West**  
**Matthew Womer**

# DLA EUROPE & AFRICA LNOS

GS12-13/O3-O4 volunteers are needed to fill two, high-priority taskings to support DLA DST-Europe & Africa positions for a 180-day period. One position is at 21 TSC in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and the other position is at USAFE on Ramstein AFB, Germany. Next rotation will begin January 2023.

Interested candidates should apply NLT Sept. 14, 2022.

[Read more in this DLA Today Announcement](#)



USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) conducts a fueling-at-sea with replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO-187) during RIMPAC 2022 on July 13. [U.S. Navy photo from DVIDS](#)

DLA Energy East Pacific and Americas West teams have been busy providing bulk fuel support to Rim of the Pacific 2022 in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California, June 29 to Aug. 4. During the exercise, 26 nations, 38 surface ships, four submarines, nine national land forces, more than 30 unmanned systems, approximately 170 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel will train and operate together.

The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC helps foster and sustain cooperative relationships among participants critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

RIMPAC 2022 is the 28th in the series that began in 1971.

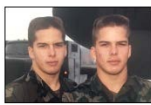


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DLA news stories were added to DLA Energy business unit and regional public webpages to better connect our customers with recent events, news and examples of the great work you are doing around the world.

Check it out at the bottom of the [Aerospace Energy](#), [Utility Services](#) and the [regional webpages](#).

### DLA Energy Americas News



ENTERPRISEWIDE | July 20, 2022  
**DLA Energy customer account specialist reflects on serving with his twin**  
DLA Energy Customer Account Specialist Terry Poole has an identical twin, Perry. The brothers grew up sharing a love for hunting, fishing, and playing football. After high school graduation, they also shared a love for the U.S. Air Force.



ENERGY | July 6, 2022  
**DLA Energy Americas welcomes a returning commander**  
DLA Energy Americas welcomed Army Col. Josiel Carrasquillo and his farewell to Army Col. Raphael Hedin in a change of command ceremony at the Petroleum Club of Houston, Texas, June 30. Carrasquillo previously served as the DLA Energy Americas East.



ENTERPRISEWIDE | June 21, 2022  
**Legendary bulk fuel expert retires**  
Defense Logistics Agency Americas Operations Director Dave Ray retired with 42 combined military and federal service during a ceremony at DLA Energy Americas in Houston, Texas, June 15.

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## Condolences

Our thoughts are with family and friends of our colleague, Mr. Refugio (Leo) Burruel, who unexpectedly passed away at his home in Phoenix, AZ. Leo joined DLA Energy (then DESC) in 1998 and Americas West in 2007 as a Quality Assurance Representative. Leo retired from the Air Force as Master Sergeant (E7) after 24 years of faithful service. Along the way, he made a lasting impact and touched many lives, in and out of the POL community.

Ronald Van Dyke, DLA Finance Energy, said Leo made a great impact on his life and career. "Leo was my second supervisor at my first assignment at Luke AFB in 1983. One of the best supervisors I have ever had."



Leo (second from the left) and Ronald (far right)



## Mark your calendars!



- Aug. 8: Supervisory Committee Meeting\*, 8am
- Aug. 9: Advisory and Integration Council Meeting\*, 8:30am
- Aug. 9: Culture Climate Committee Meeting\*, 9:30am and 7pm
- Aug. 9: Lunch and Learn on Benefits 11:30am. Guest speaker is Mr. Aaron Kavanagh, HR Benefits Specialist
- Aug. 16: Training Committee Meeting\*, 11am
- Aug. 16: Donuts with the Deputy, GS-15s only, 1pm

\*The committee and council meetings are for current members only. If you are interested in getting involved, contact [DLAenergyCAG@dla.mil](mailto:DLAenergyCAG@dla.mil)

### Serving with a twin

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## NEWS

### DLA Energy GTCC 3rd Quarter News Bulletin

In this issue, learn the requirement to use your GTCC for meals, ATM use, TSA Pre-Check & Citi Card Mobile Alerts.

### Having trouble connecting to Microsoft Teams?

Try clearing your cache! Open the "User Assistance Folder" on your desktop and double click "Clear\_Teams\_Cache."