



# ENERGY CONNECTION



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Energy team,

We have all been very busy as we navigate global events and time-sensitive issues. I am grateful for your professionalism, patience, and perseverance as we work through these challenges to ensure the Warfighter is always first.

I know one of the many issues on the forefront of your minds is the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, specifically in section 352, which states that in January 2023, "the U.S. Transportation Command shall be the element responsible for bulk fuel management and delivery of the Department of Defense on a global basis."

To meet the intent of the NDAA language, DLA Energy, with DLA HQ staff, are a part of a joint operational process team with TRANSCOM and the Joint Staff. The OPT is sub-divided into six working groups that are conducting mission analysis to chart a way forward.

Although we are in the infancy stages, the timelines back to Congress are fairly aggressive which makes this a fast-moving train. I want to assure you that we are working in the best interests of our people, the Agency, and the enterprise. I ask for your support as there will be reach back to subject matter experts as work progresses. This is an opportunity for us to shape the way future, and Mr. Kless and I know that it will be a team sport.

In the end, this can be a win-win situation giving our Warfighters energy advantage if we leverage the expertise and influence of TRANSCOM as a global combatant command, coupled with DLA's expertise.

Thank you for all you do for the Warfighter Always, and please continue to stay safe.

## On the Road: DFSP Craney Island

Energy's Deputy Commander, **Mr. Dave Kless**, visited Defense Fuel Support Point Craney Island, Virginia, as part of a familiarization tour, with members of Americas East on Feb. 14. Regional Fuels Director, **Kevin Henderson**, briefed the team before leading a driving tour of the facility.

DFSP Craney Island is a DLA Energy Funded Government Owned-Contractor Operated (GOCO) Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Command (FLC) Norfolk managed wholesale fuel depot. It is a strategic node for the AME supply chain and vital to supporting a large portion of the eastern coast of the United States. Craney Island fuels Langley AFB, Naval Station Norfolk, Little Creek, Naval Air Station Oceana, Andrews AFB, and Dover AFB to name a few.

"NAVSUP FLC Norfolk executes outstanding support to the DLA Energy bulk fuel supply chain," said DLA Energy Americas East Commander Army **LTC Chris Masson**.

Army **MAJ Ashley Sellers**, Chief of Operations for DLA Energy Plans and Operations, joined Kless on the trip. She manages the DLA Energy Logistics Cell that oversees and tracks requests and inquiries from DLA Energy regions worldwide.



left to right: MAJ Ashley Sellers, Tony Peterson, Al Gregg, LCDR Keith Hough, Lex Leland, Gabe Tarango, LTC Chris Masson, Jake Novak, Kevin Henderson, and David Kless

"This opportunity has heightened my awareness on the immense and vast mission DLA Energy, and DLA as a whole, has to execute," she said. "Now, when reports come across my desk, I'm better equipped to connect the dots on how the organization provides strategic capabilities to its customers."

MAJ Sellers said DLA Energy has been one of her best assignments in her 15-year career. "I attribute this to not only my leadership but the civilians and other service members in the organization that make it a daily learning experience."

Mr. Kless presented coins to Quality Assurance Representative **Tony Peterson**, the new Facilities Engineer **Jake Novak**, and Regional Fuels Deputy Director Navy **LCDR Keith Hough**.

Although not pictured, Mr. Kless also presented coins to the AME Chief of Supplier Operations **Gabe Tarango** and Quality Assurance Representative **Stan Burns**. The AME QARs are integral links in the fuel supply chain working daily with partners and DFSPs in their respective territory.



Tony Peterson



Jake Novak



LCDR Keith Hough

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

Effective Feb. 22, continue max telework with onsite staffing limited to <50%. Face masks are mandatory for ages 2+ while inside regardless of vaccination status.

## SAIGE Awards

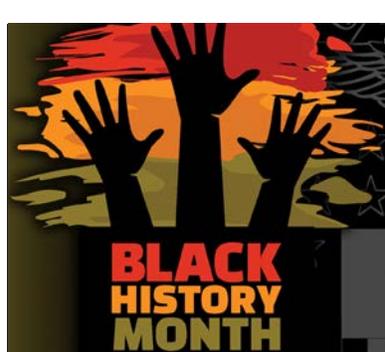


### Nominations for the Society of American Indian Government Employees awards are due March 18.

Current Department of Defense military service members or government employed veterans who are Native Americans and/or Alaskan Natives that have supported the DLA's mission, whose attributes best epitomized the qualities and core values of their respective federal/military service and promoted a positive image of those in uniform are eligible.

For details or more information on how to submit a package, contact [DLA Energy EEO Director Adam Morrison](#).

*NOTE: Do not send nomination packages directly to SAIGE. Late submissions will not be accepted.*



Energy's Acquisition Workforce Development & Intern Office hosted a Black History Celebration with keynote speaker MG(P) Charles Hamilton, Asst. Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-4 and former DLA Troop Support Commander.

[Read more in this DLA News story](#)

To honor Black History Month, DLA is sharing stories of employees who are working to make a difference.

- [Learn more about DLA Energy Okinawa Deputy Operations Chief Jose Malonda](#)
- [Read an inspiring story about Eric Smith, current DLA Chief of Staff and former DLA Energy Deputy Commander](#)

## Energy earns CFC Chairperson's Award

Great job DLA and DLA Energy! The 2021 CFC campaign season officially ended Jan. 15. As an agency, you gave \$275,658.46 in donations – just shy of the \$300,000 goal.



DLA Energy will be presented the CFC Chairperson's award for raising \$62,000 – the most funds of all of the J/D codes.

A huge thank you to **Army CPT Johnnie Hickson** who served as Energy's CFC Coordinator.

Plaques are planned for presentation March 30 in a hybrid ceremony in the Auditorium. Stay tuned for more details!

## Certified Mediator Training

Interested in learning to mediate workplace disputes and apply that knowledge?

DLA is seeking volunteer employees of all grade levels who would like to be trained as a certified mediator and assist in resolving disputes in our workplace. Both the training and mediation participation are considered official time and collateral duty. Expressions of interest due by March 4.

To learn more, the [EEO Commission has a brief description of mediation on its website](#).

[Learn more in this DLA Today announcement](#)

## DPMAP 2022 Deadlines

Prepare yourself for success! We all have a responsibility to stay on track and meet deadlines ... not only to show your career matters but also so performance awards can be allocated and distributed in a timely manner.

**March 31:** Performance Period Ends

**April 8:** Employee Input due in [MyPerformance](#)

**April 29:** Rating Officials recommend ratings

**May 6:** Higher Level Review Ratings due

**May 13:** Senior Level Review Ratings due

**May 18:** HLRs Finalize Ratings in MyPerformance due

**May 31:** Rating Officials Communicate Ratings to Employees

## DLA Foundation Scholarships

The application period for 2022-2023 academic year DLA Foundation scholarships is Feb. 22-Apr. 4.

Detailed guidance can be found on the [DLA Foundation website](#) along with [application forms and complete eligibility criteria](#). Applications are judged on merit and financial need. Awards will be announced in June 2022.



## Virtual Suggestion Box

Have a question or concern weighing on your mind?

Don't forget the DLA Energy virtual suggestion box is always at your fingertips.

You can find the link to the VSB on [Energy's eWorkplace homepage](#)

## Mark your calendars!

**March 2:** Coffee w/ Commander, GS-13 and below, 7:30am & 5pm

**March 17 (new date!):** Energy All Hands & Supervisor Town Hall

**March 22:** Energy Hall of Fame, HQC Auditorium/virtual, 9:30am

**March 23:** Donuts w/ Deputy, GS-13 and below, time TBD