



# ENERGY CONNECTION



Core Values: Leadership, Professionalism & Technical Knowledge through Dedication to Duty, Integrity, Ethics, Honor, Courage & Loyalty

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

**Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas**

Team Energy,

As you know, it's Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. As a Filipino-American, the annual observance is near and dear to my heart. I was honored to participate in a panel discussion on May 4 hosted by the Secretary of the Air Force to commemorate the month.

This week also marks a historical occasion. For the first time in my two years of command, we're bringing our commanders and leaders here together **IN PERSON** for the DLA Energy Pre-Command Orientation and Strategic Offsite. Both events will finally enable live, face-to-face engagements and discussions.

The Pre-Command Orientation is an opportunity for the new incoming commanders to be introduced to DLA Energy and meet the important staff and leaders who support them. At the end of the week, during the Strategic Offsite, DLA Energy senior leadership will discuss future strategic issues impacting DLA Energy's Mission and Vision.

On Wednesday, we're bringing the local HQC staff together for a Spring Festival. We haven't been able to socialize in person in over two years. Needless to say, I am looking forward to the week ahead!

As we prepare to reenter the workplace in the HQC area, keep in mind your colleagues are working hard to consolidate cubicles and execute the Lorton move throughout May and into July. We greatly appreciate the professional and excellent support that we've received from the facilities, custodial, and J6 staff throughout this process. We could not do it without the whole team.

Last week I had the opportunity to spend time with our Aerospace Team in San Antonio. It was great to see everyone working in their new world-class facility. Kudos to Doug Smith and Steve Nichols and their team to make the transition a smooth one.

Please continue to look out for one another, stay healthy and be balanced.

## Defining a Core Value: Technical Knowledge

*From DLA Energy Culture Climate Committee*

"Technical Knowledge" (also referred to as "technical skills") is defined as the abilities and knowledge needed to perform specific tasks, jobs, or duties.

You can look at technical knowledge through mission accomplishment ... understanding the information related to your daily tasks and duties of your specific job, the knowledge of the processes for how to do these daily tasks and duties, and the ability (skills) to actually accomplish them.

Based on the above definition, an employee exhibiting the Core Value of Technical Knowledge would engage in the following types of actions:

1. **Increase your knowledge** of the subject matter related to their daily job duties. Take formal/informal classes, continue education and certification, identify gaps in your knowledge and fill those gaps. *Use your IDP as an opportunity to communicate these needs up the chain of command.*
2. **Increase your practical understanding** of the subject matter related to their daily job duties. Ask questions of mentors, leaders, class instructors and other subject matter experts, read case studies/best practices, make connections between information, understanding, and practice.
3. **Develop and practice the skills** to actually accomplish the task or duty. Be patient and pay attention to details in even the mundane, everyday tasks. Take care to be thorough. Don't get complacent.
4. **Apply the Technical Knowledge** in appropriate ways to identify abnormal situations in one's daily work, resolve issues, and/or accurately accomplish assigned tasks and duties on your own.

### Does one specific Core Value resonate with you?



*"It's difficult to identify a single core value because they're all significant. However, the one that means the most to me is **discipline** because it is the epitome of enduring, intrinsic motivation that overcomes the ongoing adversity that we all face on a daily basis."*

**– Mr. Darrell Brooks,**  
DLA Energy Army SRM Branch Chief

*"Developing and displaying **technical knowledge** is a key component of my functions in the Energy Quality Technical Directorate. As Program Manager of the Energy Readiness R&D Program, I am relied upon regularly by many internal and external customers for concise and succinct technical information on any number of projects and issues."*

**– Mr. Lindsey Hicks,**  
DLA Research & Development's Energy Readiness Program Manager



## 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.

## 2nd Quarter Military Recognition

Join us in congratulating DLA Energy's 2nd Quarter Military Recognition winners!

### Field Grade Officer

**Navy CDR William Jakubowicz**

**DLA Energy East Pacific**

### Senior Non-commissioned Officer

**Army SFC Heath Williams\***

**DLA Energy Middle East**

\*DLA J1 held the 2nd Quarter Military Recognition Board and SFC Heath Williams won the SNCO Category!

## NEWS

### Excellence in Federal Government awards

DLA Energy East Pacific received the Team Excellence award and DLA Energy Okinawa's Christine Pamplona received the Federal Employee of the Year in the Professional, Administrative, & Technical category from the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board. [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

### 2022 HPFEB Excellence in Federal Government Awards Ceremony

2022 HPFEB Excellence in Federal Government Awards Program



### EPOs is Here!

The new DLA Energy Electronic Point of Sale system is a state-of-the-art technology integrated into DLA business systems. EPOs replaces the existing Automated Fuel Service Station system used since the late 90's with a more secure automated system that reduces

paper documents and rework of transactions while enhancing the agency's ability to respond to auditors in a timely manner. [Read more in this DLA news story.](#)

## IT UPDATES

**Digital Signatures:** Beginning today, May 16, all emails will automatically be digitally signed. Removing your digital signature will not be an option. This DoD-directed change is key to DoD's cybersecurity.

**AtHoc:** A new version of the AtHoc Mass Notification System, the emergency alert system, will be installed on all DLA computers throughout the month of May. The new version will go out to all DLA users, even at sites where it wasn't available before. [Read more in this DLA Today Announcement.](#)

### Mark your calendars!

June 1: Coffee with Commander (military only), 7:30am and 5pm

June 13: Supervisory Committee meeting, 8am\*

June 15: Donuts with Deputy (GS13 and below), 10am and 6pm

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

## Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration

May 2022 | #AANHPIHeritageMonth



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Read DLA Energy employee spotlights on [Cheng Yen](#) and [Christine Pamplona](#).

## JOB WELL DONE!

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

#### Dins Hauke



In his role as the DLA Energy Europe & Africa Inventory Management Branch Senior Advisor, Mr. Hauke (far left in photo) provides critical technical oversight to 10 major bulk petroleum systems throughout the region. He has taken the lead in supporting units involved in the Ukrainian Response ensuring fuel was readily available when and where required.

## DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMERGING LEADER

The 2023 DCELP is a leadership development program for emerging leaders in grades GS 7-12 and WL/WS 7-12 with emphasis on Leading Self, Leading Teams and Projects, and Leading People. Nominations are due to [SCG email](#) by 1400 on Wednesday, May 18.

There are two cohorts in 2023; each cohort includes four leadership competency-focused residencies (in-person and virtual). The program involves significant research and writing; good writing skills are a must. Program information and nomination documents can be found on the [DLA Human Resources web page](#).

## DLA Energy's Spring Festival

For HQC area employees, don't forget to coordinate your patriotic outfit and sign up your cornhole team for the 1st annual Cornhole Klassic during the Spring Festival May 18!

## 1ST ANNUAL CORNHOLE KLASSIC

At the 2022 Spring Festival on Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Get your team of 2 players to represent your BU/SCP and attempt to take home the 1st ever DLA Energy Cornhole Championship trophy.

Please have your teams to John Gable ([John.gable@dla.mil](mailto:John.gable@dla.mil)) by COB Monday, May 16, 2022.

