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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Team Energy,

Last week was a whirlwind of exciting events, interactions and progress.

First and foremost, I want to thank the more than 300 of you who attended the [Spring Festival](#) at Fort Hunt Park here in Alexandria last Wednesday! Mother Nature was on our side for a sunny and breezy 70-degree day. The food was great, the cornhole competition exciting and the lip synch battle epic. It was great to see the directors and commanders break out of their shell and have a little fun! Who knew about all those hidden talents?

Last week was also ["Energy Week"](#) including a Pre-Command Orientation where we got to meet the new incoming military commanders and attend our Senior Leader Strategic Offsite. A lot of great networking, discussions and plans to take Energy to the next level!

Squeezed in to the week was the [DLA Hall of Fame](#) where our own Kay Bushman was inducted. As the former DLA Energy Senior Counsel, Kay served 31 years retiring in 2015. She joins an elite group of over 100 hall of famers! Kay left her fingerprints all over our organization and we're better for it.

Next week will prove to be another exciting week as we welcome our industry partners for the [DLA Energy Industry Summit](#) on May 24-25. I look forward to strengthening partnerships through networking and sessions discussing climate change, petroleum and installation energy issues.

Finally, below you will see the heavy military turnover happening this summer. As we onboard new leaders, please give them a warm Energy welcome and help them hit the ground running!

I hope you enjoy all the great pictures from last week scattered throughout this [Energy Connection](#) issue!



Spring Festival



More than 300 Energy employees and their families gathered for a day of food, fun and friendly competition at Fort Hunt Park, Virginia, May 17.

"It's been a while since we've all gotten together," Brig Gen Canlas told the crowded pavilion. "Thank you for coming out, socializing and spending the afternoon with me and your colleagues."

During festival planning, Brig Gen Canlas challenged the directors and regional commander to a lip synch contest. Nine teams battled it out to win the "golden microphone." Songs included "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen, "Love Shack" by the B-52s, "The Banana Boat Song (Day O)" by Goombay Dance Band, "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey and more.

The three-person DLA Energy Europe & Africa team won the competition with Céline Dion's "It's All Coming Back to Me Now." Props included a wind effect using a leaf blowing machine, an empty plastic gas can as a microphone and exploding confetti cannons!

After a lunch of barbecue pork and chicken with all the fixings, the cornhole competition kicked off. Sixteen teams filled the bracket.

In the final game, Paul Churchill and Mark Palombo of Utility Services took on the "Corndogs" – Ethan and Josh, the sons of Kevin Epstein with DLA Energy International Agreements. With a final score of 21-15, Utility Services took the win.

[Read more about the festival in this DLA News Story](#)



Upcoming Hail & Farewells

Position	Outgoing Leader	Incoming Leader
Chief of Staff	USAF Col Keith Mecham	USA COL Ben Kilgore
DCO	USAF Col Eric Haler	USAF Col Michael Boswell
Americas East	USA Chris Masson	USA LTC Thaddeus Douthitt
Okinawa	USAF Maj Tony Anderson	USAF Maj Kevin Knutson
East Pacific	USN CDR William Jakubowicz	USN CDR Konrad Krupa
South-West Pacific	USN CDR Chris Radke	USN CDR Scott McCarthy
Americas North	USAF Lt Col Land Barton	USAF Maj Daniel Moritz
Middle East	USA LTC Al Cordova	USA LTC Jamie Pittman
Europe & Africa	USA LTC Ben Fortune	USA LTC Leslie Shipp

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HERITAGE MONTH

[Learn about the Acquisition Workforce Development Team AAPI event on May 17.](#)

Read about DLA Energy Korea Commander **LTC Dennis Han** in this [AAPI Month spotlight.](#)

ENERGY WEEK: Pre-Command Orientation and Senior Leader Offsite



During the Pre-Command Orientation outgoing commanders gave a gift to Brig Gen Canlas



AME incoming LTC Douthitt, E&A outgoing LTC Fortune, E&A incoming LTC Shipp



Middle East outgoing LTC Cordova and incoming LTC Pittman



SWP incoming CDR McCarthy, EP outgoing CDR Jakubowicz, EP incoming CDR Krupa

