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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Energy Team,

As I prepare to turn this amazing command over to CAPT Anderson, I am feeling extremely humbled and honored to have served as your Commander these past three years. What a journey it's been! You have all been steady and resilient as we navigated some turbulent challenges including the pandemic, the defueling of Red Hill, NDAA Section 352 implementation, and the crisis in Ukraine just to name a few. Thank you for your support and teamwork!

While June will be a significant month for me personally as I also prepare to retire from the Air Force, June is a significant month when we celebrate and recognize the themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion. In June, we celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) Pride Month and Juneteenth, the day when word of the proclamation reached enslaved African American people in Texas.

I urge everyone within the DLA Energy Family to take time this month to commit yourselves widespread equality and inclusion in our nation as well as our workplace. I hope you reflect on the progress our country has made, and the work that remains unfinished.

I hope you can join me for the Change of Command ceremony this Thursday, June 29, at 10am in the McNamara Auditorium and help me give CAPT Anderson a warm DLA Energy welcome.

Thank you, team, for the impact you've made on me, my career and my respect for all you do every day to support our warfighters!

Warfighter Always!

## Acquisition Workforce Symposium

From June 13-15, DLA Energy acquisition employees chose from a variety of learning opportunities and experiences designed to inform, inspire, and empower their personal and professional development.

During his opening remarks, Deputy Commander Dave Kless encouraged employees to take full advantage of the symposium reminding them that one person can mean the difference between mission success or mission failure.

In an analogy, Kless talked about how the Buffalo Bills' assistant athletic trainer, Denny Kellington, performed CPR to save safety Damar Hamlin's life after he collapsed on the field from cardiac arrest during a game in January.

"Denny didn't show up on game day to watch football. He practiced. He prepared. He continued to stay sharp. He stayed alert, aware of his surroundings, never complacent or distracted," Kless said. "Denny didn't wait for anyone else to respond. He took immediate action. His instinct and training kicked in. He didn't need to wait. He knew what to do."

"Even if you are an 'assistant' or in a position you feel inconsequential, your role is vital to the team's success," Kless said. "We depend on you to stay alert, take notice if something seems 'off,' and take action."



Following Kless was a series of guest speakers including DLA Acquisition Director Matt Beebe, former DLA Energy commander retired Lt Gen Giovanni Tuck and retired Maj Gen Eugene Lupia.

Day two of the symposium included a discussion on

the future of acquisition training from Defense Acquisition University President James Woolsey and a full day focused on career development in the functional areas of contracting, lifecycle logistics and engineering and technical management. Eileen Granfield, DAU 4th Estate DACM Team Deputy Director, talked LCL strategic development and Eidila Correa, DLA Logistics Operations Technical & Quality Assurance Division Chief, talked to the ETM community.

Day three brought discussions on the future of work, work-life balance, emotional intelligence, and leading in a hybrid environment.

During his final All Hands on June 21, Brig Gen Canlas congratulated the DLA Energy military and civilian employees of the quarter, welcomed several incoming leaders, bid farewell to those departing and shared important news and updates with workforce.

Nearly 200 employees attended in person with more than 370 joining online. This week, Brig Gen Canlas changes command with CAPT Brian Anderson and retires from the Air Force. He told the audience he plans to take 90 days off to spend time with his family and help his kids off to college.

**Thank you Brig Gen Canlas for your leadership and service!**



*In his signature move, Brig Gen Canlas took a final selfie with Mr. Kless and the audience.*



During a luncheon on June 7, DLA Energy said thank you to **Capt Zach Bruhn** and **SSG Will Perkins** who have been instrumental driving forces in the front office.



Capt Bruhn will transition to a military position at the Pentagon and SSG Perkins will transition into a civilian role with DLA Energy.

“The DLA Rap” is a video series by DLA Video Producer Nutan Chada. In this issue, she interviewed Patricia Littlejohn, Bulk Petroleum Supply Chain Services Director. [Watch the full interview on DVIDS.](#)



## NEWS



### [DLA Energy Okinawa changes leadership](#)

Maj Kevin Knutson assumed command from Maj Tony Anderson on Camp Shields, Japan, June 6.

### [DLA Energy Middle East welcomes a new commander](#)

LTC Jamie Pittman assumed command from LTC Alberto Cordova in Bahrain, June 7.



### [Energy Indo-Pacific South-West changes leadership](#)

CDR Scott McCarthy assumed command from CDR Chris Radke in Guam, June 8.



## OPM Retirement Center

OPM is here to help you transition from serving the American people to enjoying your retirement. These links are useful to new and existing retirees throughout their retirement journey.

**In this section**

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**Retirement Quick Guide**

Use the “Quick Guide” button to see what to expect as your retirement application is processed and your benefits are determined.

[Quick Guide](#)

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management released a [three-page retirement planning guide](#) to help employees prepare for and navigate through the voluntary retirement process.

This guide outlines factors that could delay retirement processing, defines key terms, includes information on benefits and includes a worksheet to help track your progress.

Employees with retirement questions should reach out to the [DLA Human Resources team assigned to their organization.](#)