



# ENERGY CONNECTION



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER David Kless

Hello Energy Team!

Wow, what happened to summer? I can't believe children are heading back to school and Labor Day just around the corner. I hope you found some time to enjoy the summer. There are still several weeks of good weather remaining so make sure you make plans to do something fun, go on an adventure or just get some well-deserved R&R.

Next week, the DLA Culture Climate survey will launch enterprise wide and run through September 30. This survey is your opportunity to share your feedback and perceptions of the agency's culture. The survey, which began in 2003, is used to guide efforts in making DLA's high performing culture even better. The survey is anonymous and offered to civilian and military employees on a voluntary basis. I encourage you all to take the time to complete the survey openly and honestly. To get better, we need to know what we're doing right and what we can do better.

Speaking of agency culture, I hope you all looked at the [52 assignments offered this year under the DLA Enterprise Rotation Program](#). These opportunities offer you – and your career – a chance to grow and expand your experience across DLA. Nominations were due last week, but anytime these opportunities arise I hope you take the time to truly consider them. There are so many developmental programs available at DLA, and I hope you are working to take advantage of one or more of them. You can learn more on the [Employee Resources webpage](#).

CAPT Anderson and I look forward to exciting times ahead as we continue to serve the warfighter and our whole of government partners. It's never a slow moment in DLA Energy. Thank you for all you do each and every day.

## Commander's Call

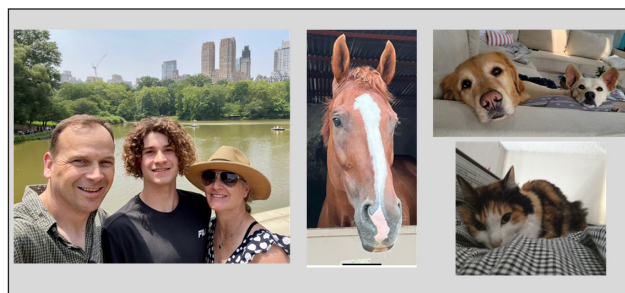
DLA Energy Commander CAPT Brian Anderson introduced himself and shared his leadership philosophy with the workforce July 20.

During the 30-minute Commander's Call from the DLA McNamara auditorium, he talked about his approach to the demanding and fast-paced DLA Energy mission and encouraged employees to find a healthy work-life balance.

"DLA Energy is a marathon, not a sprint," he said. "Marathons are about setting a nice pace that you can continue. If you try to run a marathon at full speed, you'll burn out."

More than 150 employees attended in person and nearly 450 joined online to learn more about their senior leader whose recurring theme was family.

"This is a family. There is no place for I, me, or mine. It's we, you, us, them," CAPT Anderson said. "I believe in families because families look out for each other. Families don't let bad things happen in the workforce. Families make sure there's equal opportunity and that sexual harassment, bullying and hazing doesn't happen. Why? Because you'd never allow it inside your own home with your own family. Why would you ever allow it in your workplace? This is your family. Treat each other as family with respect, care and dignity."



CAPT Anderson said his family is everything to him. His wife of 24 years, Emily, his teenage son, Bennett, and "fur children" keep him on his toes.

Born and raised in the New England area,

he is an avid Patriots fan. His college team is the Spartans having attended Michigan State.

As for his leadership style, he believes leadership is advocacy.

"It's about understanding the needs and the concerns of the workforce and harnessing that into actionable plans," Anderson said. "Then working to get the help we need from up the chain to be successful."

In closing, Anderson thanked the team for the warm welcome and said he is looking forward to getting out in the workspaces and meeting people face to face.

"When you see me, please say hi."



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Adrian Hines on your Superior Civilian Service Award in recognition of more than eight years as the DLA Energy training officer assisting the workforce with their training, education and talent management programs.

On 12 July, Americas leaders visited the Usibelli Coal Mine in Healy, Alaska, which provides coal to Eielson AFB and Fort Wainwright for heat and power generation.

Left to Right: Brian Reed, Maj Moritz, Randy Banez, COL Carrasquillo, Greg Knowles, and Jason Exum



DLA Energy supported the Department of Energy Small Business Forum & Expo July 11-13 in New Orleans. The team briefed over 90 attendees representing 70 small firms about the DLA Small Business Program.



Left to Right: Bulk Services Contract Specialist **Kirk Gamblin**, Direct Delivery Fuels Division Chief **Jastar Singh**, DLA Energy Office of Small Business Programs' **Janel Thompson**, and Bulk Products Contract Specialist **Mark Davis**.

## JOB WELL DONE!

DLA Energy Europe & Africa  
"Energizer of the Month"

**Bobby Singleton**

As the Resolution Specialist assigned to the Auditability Team, Bobby manages 26 DFSPs and 70 product accounts. He leads inventory account processing, oversees product accountability, and resolves discrepancies. Additionally, he reviews all Movements Under Investigation reports for any excessive in-transit gains/losses and helps requisite DFSPs conduct research to determine cause. Despite being short-staffed, his team handles the workload while maintaining a superb support.



## NEWS

### Leveling up fuel operations during QLLEX

Army Reservists took their training to the next level during the Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise.



### DLA Energy Shadow Program

Daniel Poole walked side by side with Mr. Kless during a shadowing experience June 12-15.



## EOQs

Congratulations to the DLA Energy 3rd quarter, FY23 military, civilian and strategic goals employees of the quarter.

### Senior Noncommissioned Officer:

**MSG Alvin O'Neill**, USA, DLA Energy Middle East

### Company Grade:

**Capt Melody Chong**, USAF, Energy Middle East

### Field Grade Officer:

**MAJ Ashley Sellers**, USA, Headquarters

### Category B Civilian (GS/WG/WL 7-12):

**Sok Hyon Chang**, DLA Energy Korea

### Category C Civilian (GS13-15/WS):

**Timothy J. Hutson**, DLA Energy Americas West

### DLA Director's Strategic Goals Award:

**Individual Award: Pierre A. Astrel**, DLA Energy Okinawa

**Large Team Award: DLA Energy Americas Exercises Team**

## Mark your calendars!

**Aug 21-Sept 30:** DLA Culture Climate Survey available

**Aug 29:** Lunch & Learn 1130-1230 via MS Teams with guest speaker Ms. Cynthia Clark, DoD Employee Assistance Program Field Consultant, to discuss Becoming a Successful Team Player

**Sep 19:** Donuts with the Deputy, 10am & 6pm

**Sept 26:** DLA Energy Supervisors Town Hall

**Oct 3:** DLA Energy All Hands

**Oct 24:** DLA Energy Hall of Fame