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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF Col Keith Mecham

Energy Team,

As your Chief of Staff, I feel it is important to personally remind you of your obligation to safeguard sensitive documents and information.

I am sure you are aware of the recent unauthorized disclosure of what appears to be classified DoD and Intelligence Community documents. I would like to remind you that we must abide by official classification markings on any documents and handle them with appropriate protections. This is true even when such documents have been posted online or reported by civilian media. Broad disclosure does not mean the material is declassified. While you may be curious as to what was released, **do not access or download documents with classified markings from unclassified websites - either from home or work.** It is in our agency's and the nation's best interests to avoid searching the internet for this information. Advances in artificial intelligence can capture search trends, and you could exacerbate the problem.

Personnel with access to classified information are trusted stewards of that information and the responsibility to safeguard classified information is a lifetime requirement for everyone granted a security clearance.

DLA Intelligence Information Security and OPSEC teams are available to discuss protection of information. [Use this contact sheet to learn about your representative \(CAC-required\).](#)

The information we handle has a direct effect on the lives and safety of our warfighters and it is up to us to ensure it is secured ALWAYS.

DLA Energy All Hands

More than 240 employees were seated in the McNamara Auditorium and 380 employees joined online for the DLA Energy All Hands on April 18.

Brig Gen Canlas and Mr. Kless started by recognizing employees who've won [1st Quarter FY23](#) and [Defense Media Merit awards](#). Short, entertaining video cameos from regional leaders emphasized the employees' hard work and achievements.

The leaders highlighted recent events including [Lunch & Learns about workman's compensation](#) and [with DLA Foreign Policy Advisor](#); Indo-Pacific engagements, [DLA Vice Director Deep Dive](#), [Joint Petroleum Week](#), [Mayport wastewater utility system ribbon cutting](#), [Europe & Africa CEPS engagement](#), [FY22 Fact Book publication](#), [DLA Energy Americas trip](#) and the Acquisition Workforce TOP GUN Ceremony (see page 3 of this newsletter).



Click on the image to watch the video recording of the All Hands (CAC required)

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Upcoming events highlighted included the DLA Energy Springfest scheduled for May 17 at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, Virginia; the DLA Energy Senior Leader Offsite scheduled for May 18-19; and the DLA Energy Commander Change of Command scheduled for June 29 followed by Brig Gen Canlas' retirement on June 30.

One focus area discussed is the future of work, or Line of Effort 5. In February 2023, the DLA Energy directors were asked to review their mission requirements and submit proposed work schedules. Brig Gen Canlas explained they were asked to look at their business units or commands through a different lense and examine their work with the national defense strategy in mind, taking lessons learned from COVID and analyze how DLA Energy needs to organize in order to support the next fight.

Going forward, the DLA Future of Work Working Group continues to meet monthly and is currently discussing MSC implementation of in-office and telework plans and any trends or concerns they are experiencing.

The audience was reminded that DLA's travel management company has changed. It is no longer SATO. **CI Travel** is the new company and can be reached at dla@ciazumano.com or 1-844-729-6789. For issues related to Defense Travel System, employees should email DLAEnergyDTS@dla.mil. For Government Travel Charge Card problems/questions, email EnergyGTCC@dla.mil. For DTS training, use TRAX at www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Passport.

Brig Gen Canlas and Mr. Kless took several questions from the audience before closing the All Hands.

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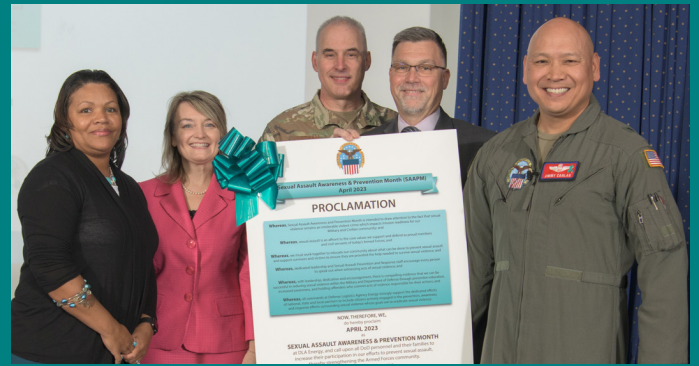
DLA Energy Air Force officers attended the [Logistics Officer Association Symposium](#) in St. Louis in March.

Maj Jerry Alefosio (Energy E&A), Col Eric Haler (DCO), Maj James Cotton (Energy M/E), and Capt Melody Chong (Energy M/E).

DLA Energy Director of Customer Operations Col Haler was on the AFPET panel, "Fueling the Fight."



Col Haler with retired Lt Gen Giovanni Tuck, former DLA Energy Commander.



DLA Energy SARC Ella Warren and DLA Energy senior leaders signed the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Proclamation April 11 and 163 employees have signed the pledge showing their support!

ADVISORY & INTEGRATION

The DLA Energy Advisory & Integration Council includes the four committees. Here are your representatives:

Supervisory Committee: Chair: Jennifer Iribarren Co-Chair: Susan Turner Champion: Steve Sturgeon	Culture Climate Committee: Chair: Natasha Robinson Co-Chair: Lindsey Hicks Champion: Greg Thevenin
Training Committee: Chair: Ditu Kasuyi Co-Chair: Dari Carver Champion: Doug Thomas	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Committee: Chair: Ella Warren Co-Chair: Michael Hughes Champion: Adam Morrison

The Champion on the Culture Climate and DEI&A committees are available. If you are interested in getting involved, contact DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil.

Thank you to Greg Thevenin and Adam Morrison for their service and support!

As of April 24, Quality Technical Deputy Director **Steve Sturgeon** will be temporarily serving as the Deputy Director of the Commanders Action Group. **Welcome to the team Steve!**

Thank you, **Sarah Catlin**, for stepping in to the robust, demanding role for the past 10 months!



DLA ENERGY SHADOW PROGRAM

In-person Shadow Program has returned!

Shadow experiences are designed to provide participants with professional development opportunities, networking, leadership exposure, and a broader understanding of DLA Energy.

[See this DLA Today Announcement that outlines the program and the requirements to participate.](#)

NEWS



[Historic fuel storage facility receives new owner](#)

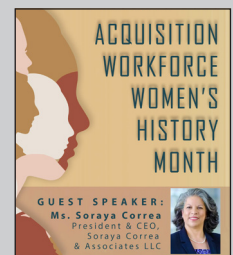
After resolving environmental challenges, the former Naval Air Station Moffett Field Defense Fuel Support Point in California was turned over to new owners.

[Remember the Ladies: DLA Energy honors Women's History Month](#)

The DLA Energy Acquisition Workforce Development Team Women's History Month Program March 30 featured keynote speaker retired Senior Procurement Executive Soraya Correa.

[April Safety Tips](#)

Read important safety tips and reminders.



Mark your calendars!



April 25: Donuts with Deputy, GS-13s & below, 11 am/6pm

May 1: Supervisory Committee Meeting, * 3pm

May 16: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month event with guest speaker Kathleen "Hanako" Doherty, U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs, 2pm

May 23: Lunch & Learn with Cynthia Clark, DoD Employee Assistance Program Field Consultant, to discuss Communicating Effectively in the Workplace, 11:30am

*Get involved in your council meetings! Email DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil

SPECIAL EDITION! DLA Energy Acquisition Workforce Honors Program



Brig Gen Canlas & the Acquisition Workforce Development Division Team (L-R): MaryBeth Sandman, Imani Mitchell, Laceenis Fordham, Ms. Earhardt, Andrew Berger, Ditu Kasuyi, Ashleigh Johnson, and Charles Hudson

DLA Energy acquisition professionals were recognized during an Honors Program presented by the Acquisition Workforce Development Division on April 11. Honored employees earned Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certifications, participated in industry management courses and the Immersion Program, became Warranted Contracting Officers, and joined the prestigious HCA Circle of Excellence.

The theme of this high-energy, celebratory event was “Top Gun Acquisition Professionals.”

[Not everyone could attend the live event, so please read more about all the honorees in this DLA Today Announcement](#)

[Watch the video recording of the entire program on GovZoom](#) (Passcode: eld1w!Pm)



HCA Circle of Excellence members (L-R): Brig Gen Canlas, Aggie Mickens, Justin Wingo, Roger Brown, Augustus Patterson, Crystal Renee Moore, Carl Silverstone, Ms. Earhardt, Jose Jimenez, Jen Arthur, Shane Banks, Keecha Elliott, Mr. Kless, and Alicia Williams



Warranted Contracting Officers (L-R): Aggie Mickens, Mark Davis, Thea Miller-Smith, Brig Gen Canlas, Ryan Logan, Natasha Robinson, Orlando Rodriguez, Shannon Coleman, Ms. Earhardt, Dominiqu Vest, Antaeyah Scales, and Mr. Kless



DAWIA certifications (L-R): Brig Gen Canlas, Chris Gabro, Felicia Johnson, Akquira Hamilton Edwards, Mr. Kless, and Ms. Earhardt



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Brig Gen Canlas and Ashleigh Johnson

