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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Army Food Program Advisory Board (AFPAB) Meeting,
17 November 2008

1. Purpose: To summarize the discussion of issues at the 17 Nov 08 meeting of the AFPAB.
2. Attendees:

LTC Barnes, Chair
Mr. Staples, ACES
CW5 Van Zanten, ACES
SGM Williams, ACES
Mr. Bailey, ACES
Mr. Byrd, ACES
Mr. Sherriff, ACES
Ms. Lawson, ACES
Mr. Damico, ACES
Mr. Primeau, ACES
Mr. McNulty, ARMY G-4
SGM St. Cyr, FORSCOM
Ms. Parks, FORSCOM
Mr. Futch, IMCOM-SE
Ms. Brown, IMCOM-SE/NE
Mr. Rose, IMCOM- WEST
Ms. Toney, IMCOM-WEST
Mr. Shamberger, IMCOM-EUR
CW4 Dingle, USARCENT
CW5 Ormsby, USAR
CW3 Jung, NG
CW5 Villon, EIGHTH ARMY, G-4
Ms. Chang, IMCOM-KOREA
CW5 Gillis, USASOC
CW4 Smith, 1st ID
CW3 Hunter, USARCENT

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3. Summary of Discussion:

a. Mr. David Staples, Director of Operations, ACES, opened the meeting by introducing the new ACES Director, LTC Robert L. Barnes, Jr.

b. LTC Barnes welcomed the board members and attendees. He stated that he was looking forward to the meeting in hopes that some of the issues addressed will be resolved and closed out. He then requested that all attendees introduce themselves.

c. Mr. Staples began by reviewing old business from the previous AFPAB board meeting.

(1) First discussed was the Connelly Field Competition format. CW5 Van Zanten discussed the proposed Active Army Philip A. Connelly Field Evaluation Scenario. He requested to have comments and feedback from the field no later than 1 Feb 09. He also stated that a final recommendation will be in place by the next AFPAB. Ms. Parks suggested that it be a pilot program for one year to which LTC Barnes agreed. He'd like to see it be taken with a "stair-stepping" approach. Mr. McNulty would like to know the additional cost for an extra day. The review will take into consideration the participation levels and associated costs compared to both scenarios for units and ACES evaluations.

(2) Next discussed was ice accountability and the process for reimbursement. ACES is to work with Software Engineer Center- Lee (SEC-L) and DA G4 to develop the process for proper accountability. Courses of Action (COAs) are: COA 1: funded by MPA and reimbursed at DA level by OMA; COA 2: Use MPA local and reimburse by OMA unit and keep all out of wide area workflow for accountability; COA 3: Determine ice to be subsistence and bill directly to MPA as current Class I.

(3) A Domestic Non-Availability Determination (DNAD) for FFV and fish were next discussed. A DNAD for FFV was approved by DSCP. A DNAD for fish was not approved by DSCP. DSCP stated that there are other domestic fish available for use. This is now a closed issue.

(4) Mr. Staples discussed Nutrition Programs and how ACES is currently working with COL Dilly (new lead) to develop program and identify requirements. CW5 Gillis made it a point to say that he has an issue with the MEDCOM staff in that these nutritional programs often get implemented before being discussed with the Command. Mr. Staples and Mr. Futch stated that a one hour block of nutrition program instruction should be built into the POI; that nutrition education needs to be taught. LTC Barnes also recommended that instruction is given during the Pre-Command Course. The criteria and guidelines for development of the Red/Green/Amber nutritional rating system needs to be reviewed as there seems to be some item ratings that do not make sense (juice as amber, bacon as green).

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(5) Mr. Bailey discussed the process of Military Construction Army (MCA) projects supporting MTSS and the vague issue on the determination of construction of dining facilities (DFACs). Ms. Brown stated that she felt the DD 1391 process is a double standard to meal card holders and would like to see a change take place. Mr. Bailey will provide a better understanding of the process for approval of 1391 projects at the next AFPAB.

(6) Mr. Staples discussed Common Levels of Service (CLS) and how cash customers may be cut out based on CLS funding. Mr. Futch states that cash customers may actually be a benefit because of sunk costs to feed SIK Soldiers; in some situations the operating cost collected from cash customers may partially off-set this sunk cost. Ms. Brown stated that if IMCOM is short too much money then BAS Soldiers and civilians could be cut out based on CLS standards. Mr. Damico stated that 66% of the workforce is not there for dinner, weekend or holiday meals and that SSPs should never have been split. Mr. McNulty asked Mr. Futch to send a discussion paper to him. ACES and DA G4 are currently working together with committee on the Common Operating Levels of Service (COLS).

(7) Mr. Staples next discussed the ACES Award Program and Mr. Sherriff stated CSPD currently wants to review this topic with new ACES Director to see how to proceed, if proceeding further. A recommendation will be provided at next AFPAB.

(8) Last area of Old Business was DFAC Utilization Rates. ACES, FED will provide procedures for determination of change to utilization rates and provide to AFPAB members.

d. Mr. Staples closed Old Business and moved onto IMCOM/ACOM New Business.

(1) SGM St. Cyr proposed that a senior 92G NCO TDA position be assigned to each major FORSCOM installation. LTC Barnes stated he believed that it would be a challenge to fill. Mr. Damico stated that IMCOM was created to free up the military. Ms. Brown agrees with SGM St. Cyr and mentions a possible pilot program to “piggy back” off of USAREUR. Mr. Staples requested SGM St. Cyr to write an information paper on this issue and send to him. Mr. Sherriff asked that SGM St. Cyr specify the duties of this position in the information paper, since there could be overlap with current responsibilities assigned to 92G food advisory personnel by AR 30-22. TASK: FORSCOM

(2) Next FORSCOM discussed the future of the Philip A. Connelly program and would like to see separate categories established for military and civilian operated facilities. CW4 Dingle agrees with the separation of categories. Mr. McNulty asked if value would be added or would participation be increased by making this change. Mr. Staples requested that a cost and time analysis take place for one additional team. CW5 Van Zanten added that International Food Service Executives (IFSEA) would have to agree to change also.

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(3) Mr. Futch went on to discuss DFAC Contract Bundling issues at Ft. Bragg dining facilities. He stated that currently Ft. Bragg has both type of operations (Full Food Service (FFS) and Dining Facility Attendant (DFA) only) and by splitting the contract within one operation to two contractors makes it impossible to write a PWS to describe the work. He states that he would now need two additional Quality Assurance Evaluators (QAEs). Mr. Sherriff stated that the process is currently being looked into and that information on Management and Food Production (M&FP) contracts will likely be pulled out of the Army Regulation since to the best of our knowledge they are not being used. Mr. McNulty recommended that the proper language be placed in the next revision of the regulation and DA Prototype Performance Work Statement before going through legal review.

e. Mr. Staples moved to ACES New Business.

(1) First discussion was Food Management Assistance Team (FMAT) Composition. ACES requests that commands identify and prioritize all their areas of support and training required during the FMAT when coordinating visit. This will allow ACES MAD to determine Team composition to provide assistance more effectively during their visit. Team's length of visit is determined by support requirements.

(2) Next Mr. Sherriff addressed Public Key (PK) Security Implementation. He stated that it is Department of Defense (DOD) mandated and that all Common Access Cards (CACs) should have PK certificates now. ACES will continue to work with DSCP to ensure the systems access is not hindered.

(3) Next issue discussed was Subsistence Prime Vendor Cataloging Actions relating to Common Food Management System (CFMS). Mr. Damico stated that DSCP needs to stay on top of actions, making sure they get the right POCs, contact information and changes out to the end users prior to changes being accomplished. IMCOM regions are having problems with catalog and pricing changes and need support in correcting these errors due to the changes in the CFMS catalog updates. Currently DSCP Contact information is not available on the DSCP website and it is recommended that it be. Mr. Staples stated that this issue would be brought up at the Joint Services Policy Board meeting.

(4) Lastly, Operational Rations (OPRATs) Forecast was discussed. It is requested that Army Commands and IMCOM Regions provide ACES, QUAD with forecast for OPRATs so that ACES can provide DSCP with forecast for planning purposes.

(5) Mr. Staples closed New Business

f. Mr. Staples Opened Floor Discussion.

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(1) Installation Readiness Report (ISR) issues were discussed. The ISR needs to be corrected in a way that it reflects true data in account management area. Currently it is reported quarterly and by policy the accounts do not have to be underspent or zero balance until end of the year. Therefore the quarterly reporting rates DFACs and Installations as Red in ISR.

(2) Next, Chief Villon discussed the determination of Manpower to support current 800 man DFACs, Camp Humphreys, without enough cooks currently until units relocate from other areas in Korea to Camp Humphreys. Also discussed were ways to support current mission with request for support to 8th Army and IMCOM. CW5 Villon will work issues and will contact ACES, FED if assistance is required.

(3) SGM Gaines discussed the military manpower issue with deployments/re-deployments and getting food service personnel back into DFACs as soon as possible. This makes the food service MOS viable and provides a training base to develop skills and be able to perform wartime mission. CW4 Dingle added comments that he provided to Lieutenant General Lovelace, ARCENT, on this action. He stated that the warrant officers and NCOs need to sit down with their commanders/leaders to get 92G personnel back into DFACs as soon as possible and explain the reasons why it is necessary for technical skills.

g. LTC Barnes closed the discussions and asked for adjournment of the AFPAB, and it was seconded by Chief Dingle.

4. Recommended date for next Army Food Program Advisory Board is April 2009 via VTC. Notice will be given at a later date on exact date and time of AFPAB.

Meeting Adjourned

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