

Fall 2011 Meeting

“Responding to Withdrawal from Combat Areas and Reduced Military Budgets”

ATTENDEES WILL:

- Hear Presentations by Key Government Officials
 - Network with Decision Makers
 - Be Updated on Critical Issues
 - Gain a Competitive Advantage

KEY SESSIONS:

- Mardi Gras Parade
- Keynote Address by Lt. General Russel Honoré
 - 2011 Isker Award
- Wounded Warrior Program Updates
 - Work Group Sessions
 - Much, Much More!

October 25-27, 2011
Hotel Monteleone
New Orleans, LA

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING BEGINS ON A TUESDAY

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

MONDAY, October 24, 2011

3:30 PM R&DA “Boot Camp 101”

The purpose of the session is to provide information on various government agencies involved in the subsistence and related areas; to answer your questions; and to guide you to appropriate sessions for your purposes. This session is voluntary, but of great value.

Mardi Gras Parade and Welcoming Reception

An authentic jazz band and revelers will join us as we march through the streets of the French Quarter, tossing beads to onlookers in traditional Mardi Gras style. The parade will lead us back to the hotel where food and beverages will be available to all meeting attendees and the excitement will continue as we are entertained by a jazz combo.

TUESDAY, October 25, 2011

Session I: Meeting Introduction

This session will open the meeting and take place at 8:00 am.

Session II: Government/Military Keynote

Presentations by military leaders in the food and packaging areas will be given. These presentations are keyed to obtain support from the commercial food industry and provide the future needs of the military services.

Session III: Meeting Keynote

When it seemed that desperation and chaos were taking over the city of New Orleans, one “John Wayne dude” stepped in to take charge and restore order and hope. Lieutenant General Russel Honoré, best known for serving as commander of Joint Task Force Katrina, will deliver our keynote address. This highly-decorated military hero will be sure to deliver a lively and informative presentation no one will want to miss!

Networking Luncheon

Complimentary to all attendees

Session IV: Rations Keynote

Presentations by leaders of government organizations, such as Headquarters Department of the Army, DLA Troop Support, US Army Natick Soldier Center and Department of Defense.

Session V: Rations Work Group

Detailed presentations on military rations from the military services, research and development organizations, procurement agencies and regulatory organizations that together provide a complete view of the rations programs and future needs.

Session VI: Trends in the Food Service Marketplace

Presentations from international companies and universities on key issues affecting food programs, packaging, food service, and equipment that will influence the marketplace.

R&DA Hospitality Function

Complimentary to all attendees and spouses

WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2011

Session VII: Keynote Presentations

Presentations on state of the art processes and programs affecting the food industry today and into the future.

Session VIII: Food Service, Packaging, Equipment & Technologies Work Group

Presentations from government and industry that affect support to the military in peacetime and when in harm's way.

Session IX: Wounded Warrior Program Update

An overview of programs to support our Wounded Warriors to include presentations from those working daily with America's Wounded Heroes.

Networking Luncheon

Complimentary to all attendees

Session X: Natick Updates

Presentations by US Soldier Center Natick highlighting key programs and research to support the military in the food, equipment and packaging areas.

Session XI: Corporate Updates

Presentations from industries which support the military marketplace.

Session XII: Key Issues

This session will address contemporary topics affecting support to the military in the food and packaging areas.

Session XIII: Rations Review/Understanding the Government Decision Process

This session includes a detailed discussion on how ration items are developed, tested and fielded included with how the government makes decisions on food and equipment related items, how the prime vendor contracts work and how companies can assess their opportunities in supporting the government. Additional discussion will include ration configurations, how to become involved in the process, decision points and makers, and a question and answer session to assist companies and individuals in understanding all aspects of this business. This is also a chance to review all presentations and to obtain clarification on any element of the programs supporting the military.

FALL 2011 ANNUAL MEETING RECEPTION AND AWARDS DINNER

Complimentary to all attendees

THURSDAY, October 27, 2011

***Special Session: Drawdown Implications to Subsistence Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and
Actions To Respond To Reduced Government Budgets***

This session will feature presentations and discussions on the likely implications on all aspects of the draw down of US combat forces in the Area of Operations. What will be the impacts of a smaller combat presence? How will remaining military forces and supported contractors receive subsistence items? How will SPV operations be affected? What will be the reduction of commercial support and rations into this area? What are the likely impacts of reduced military spending in the outyears? How can reductions be mitigated? What support is needed from non government agencies to assist the government's reduced budget situation?

The Executive Directors' One-On-One Sessions

One-On-One Meetings with the R&DA Executive Director will be held. These meetings will begin at 10:00 am and can be scheduled at the registration desk.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES

RESORT/MEETING VENUE: The R&DA 2011 Fall Meeting will be held at the luxurious Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, LA. *All room reservations and changes must be made through R&DA as we offer a registration fee discount and lowest room pricing for this meeting.* The Hotel Monteleone is located in the heart of the French Quarter at 214 Royal Street. All of our hotel rooms will be sold out, so **please make your reservations early.** Hotel cancellations made less than 72 hours prior may result in a penalty for up to two nights lodging cost. Current government employees are offered the 2011 Federal per diem lodging rate, and all others will be charged only \$199 per night. After the cut-off date, these rooms will be sold from \$299-\$429 per night. Rooms are available three days prior and after the meeting if space is available.

ROOM RESERVATION METHOD: Fill out and fax the meeting registration form to R&DA at 210-493-8036 or scan & email to hqs@militaryfood.org. The cut-off date for reduced room rates is ***September 30, 2011.*** R&DA will confirm your sleeping room reservations. To change or cancel your reservation after the hotel cut-off date, please visit our website at www.militaryfood.org for detailed instructions.

TRANSPORTATION: The nearest full service airport is Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) and is located about 13 miles from the resort. The best way from the airport is via taxi. There are shuttle services available that serve all area hotels.

DRESS CODE: All R&DA meetings are designated as “business/resort casual.”

REGISTRATION: R&DA registration will be open from Monday until Wednesday to pick up your meeting materials or to register on site.

SPOUSE PROGRAM: R&DA will offer a meeting place each morning for spouses to meet. Additionally there will be a spouse activity on Wednesday, October 25th, to include a tour of the National World War II Museum complete with a Victory Belles Lunch Show and viewing of the immersing 4-D cinematic experience, *Beyond All Boundaries*, produced and narrated by Tom Hanks. There is a fee of \$89 to participate in this event which will include lunch.

Fall 2011 Meeting October 25-27, 2011 Meeting Registration Form

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES FOR MILITARY FOOD & PACKAGING SYSTEMS, INC.
16607 Blanco Rd., Ste 501 San Antonio, TX 78232 TEL: 210-493-8024 FAX: 210-493-8036 Email: hqs@militaryfood.org

SALUTATION: (Dr., Mr., Ms., LTC, COL, etc.): _____

NAME: _____

NAME FOR BADGE (Jim, Sue, etc.): _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TEL: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
(email address for confirmation & meeting roster)

NAME OF SPOUSE FOR BADGE: _____

FULL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES:

	Payment Received By Sept 30 th	Payment Received After Sept 30 th	
Industrial/Individual			
Members	\$1149.00	\$1149.00	= _____
Non-Members	\$1249.00	\$1249.00	= _____
1st Time Attendee	\$1249.00	\$1249.00	= _____
Educators	\$ 599.00	\$ 599.00	= _____
Federal Government	\$ 399.00	\$ 499.00	= _____

ADDITIONAL FEES - SPOUSE/GUESTS:

Spouse Activity (Wednesday)	\$ 89.00	= _____
Spouse/Guest Meals	\$169.00	= _____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:
3 breakfasts, 2 luncheons, 3 receptions, 1 dinner
and complimentary internet access in all guest rooms

Is this your first R&DA meeting? Yes No

Will you attend Boot Camp? Yes No

<i>Credit Card No.</i>	<i>Exp. Date:</i> -	<i>Name on Card</i>	<i>Signature</i>
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Please return registration form, along with payment (US funds or Credit Card) by FAX (210-493-8036). Note: R&DA accepts only AMEX, VISA & MC. Registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received by Sept 30, 2011. Refunds requested after Sept 30, 2011 will be subject to a \$100.00 service fee. NOTE: Attendees with special needs should make this known to R&DA. There are no refunds on cancellations received after Oct 15, 2011 due to pre-payment requirements.

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

THE CUT OFF DATE FOR GUARANTEED HOTEL RATE RESERVATIONS IS Sept. 30, 2011

Date of arrival: _____ Date of departure: _____ Total room nights: _____

Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 Tel: 866-338-4684

Rates: Government: 2011 per diem Others: Only \$199.00

A credit card number is required to reserve your room reservation. Any attendees with special needs must inform R&DA, so that appropriate actions can be taken. Room cancellation within three days of the meeting may result in a cancellation fee. *Please mail this registration form to R&DA, 16607 Blanco Rd, Ste. 501, San Antonio, TX 78232, fax to 210-493-8036, or scan & email to hqs@militaryfood.org.*

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS AND CHANGES MUST BE MADE THROUGH R&DA

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*Make your room and meeting
reservations early since
R&DA meetings are usually
sold out!*