

# **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Meeting & Exhibition**

**“Supporting The Military Marketplace”**

## **ATTENDEES WILL:**

- Hear Presentations by Key Government Officials
  - Network with Decision Makers
  - Be Updated on Critical Issues
  - Gain a Competitive Advantage
- Participate in a Separate Subsistence Prime Vendor Program

**June 2-4, 2008**

**Naples Grande Resort & Club  
Naples, FL**

# PROGRAM

**SUNDAY, June 1, 2008**

**R&DA Meeting Registration 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**3:00 PM R&DA “Boot Camp 101”**

This special session is offered to first time R&DA meeting attendees. 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 to beginners.

**R&DA Hospitality Function 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
“Naples Beach Party”**

Join us for an informal get together prior to the beginning of our 62nd Annual Meeting. We will offer food, beverages, and a superb opportunity to visit with meeting attendees, speakers, and key decision makers in industry, government, and academia. Expect a fun filled and entertaining venue for this event.

**MONDAY, June 2, 2008**

## ***Session I: Meeting Keynote***

Synopsis: This session will feature a professional speaker. You can expect a little humor and some wisdom from this session. Your spouses are also invited to attend this meeting highlight.

## **Topic: Military Rations**

### ***Session II: Rations Keynote***

Synopsis: Key players in the military rations program will be featured. The speakers will cover the most topical issues regarding support to the US military in the rations areas. This is an opportunity to increase your understanding of the rations programs and to be brought up to date on the key issues.

### ***Session III: Rations Work Group***

Synopsis: The work group leaders will lead discussions on specific issues regarding MREs, Unitized Group Rations, and all other ration types. Problems will be discussed, and input from all attendees is encouraged. A typical issue would be: “What are your ideas to make UGR solicitations easier, faster, and more supportable? This session is appropriate for attendees who have a working knowledge of the rations programs.

### ***Session IV: Quality Summit & JSORF Review***

Synopsis: This session summarizes the actions completed during the Quality Summit 2008 and the Joint Services Operational Ration Forum which were held earlier this year. There will be opportunities for explanation of discussions and actions which affect the rations arena in 2008 and 2009.

### ***Session V: Corporate Updates***

Synopsis: This session will feature industry presentations of interest to the subsistence community. Innovations, new procedures, and items applicable for the military food programs will be featured. The partnership of government and industry has been the impetus for the military food programs that are, without a doubt, the finest in history.

## **SESSION VI: 62nd Annual R&DA Exhibition**

Synopsis: A lunch will not be served per se, but food will be available at the exhibits. This new method will ensure that all attendees get great food and beverages, and at the same time, see and taste all of the wonderful offerings that are available to the government and many new items that will be added in the future. Many authorized government food items were first introduced at R&DA exhibitions. We will also hold gift drawings for attendees during this session.

*The remainder of the day is reserved for government sponsored meetings*

***R&DA Hospitality Function***  
***6:30 PM - 8:00 PM***  
***Complimentary to attendees***

**TUESDAY, June 3, 2008**

## ***Session VII: SPECIAL SESSION: R&DA Warrior Transition Program***

Synopsis: This session will update the many actions and successes of R&DA's Warrior Transition Program which supports the needs of US military who have been injured due to hostilities in Iraq and Afghanistan. You will become aware of the many needs and challenges for all to be aware of and to support. This session will feature those spearheading the program and update all attendees on the needs for employment, financial assistance, visits to Walter Reed Medical Center, and Brooke Army Medical Center, programs for the injured, and numerous other elements.

**Topic: Government / Military**

## ***SESSION VIII: Government/ Military Keynote***

Synopsis: This session includes the leaders of organizations who support the military in garrison, in the field, and when in harm's way. This is your opportunity to understand the key issues, the organizations involved in supporting the military, and to expand your knowledge on the future requirements of the government.

## ***Session IX: The Chef's Presentation***

Synopsis: This session will feature an industry chef who will provide updates on food trends and processes and offer suggestions on how to improve food for the military and at home. In addition to a demonstration of food products, an opportunity to sample food items will be offered. This session has returned based upon comments from meeting attendees. Your guests are also invited to participate in this session.

## ***NETWORKING LUNCHEON***

Join all of your new acquaintances at this complementary luncheon

## ***Session X: Food Service, Packaging, Equipment & Technologies Work Group***

Synopsis: We have combined two long standing work groups into this new work group. This session will look at elements affecting the military in the dining hall, in ration packaging, in food safety areas, and look at emerging technologies that will affect how the government does business in the future.

**Session XI: Key Issues**

Synopsis: Contemporary issues affecting subsistence support to the military will be featured. Typical issues will be regulatory requirements, the key issues adversely affecting support to our military in harm's way, and major changes on the horizon.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE SESSIONS FOR TODAY**

**62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING RECEPTION  
AND AWARDS DINNER**

This gala event will include a wonderful dinner prepared by the Naples Grande culinary team. Several awards will also be presented.



**SUBSISTENCE PRIME VENDOR ONLY TRACK**

*This session is available to those who have registered for the SPV Prime Vendor portion of the R&DA meeting only. Registration includes all sessions under this block, breakfast, lunch, and breaks only. Those who registered for the complete R&DA meeting are also authorized to attend all sessions under this track.*

**Session A: DSCP SPV Keynote Session**

Synopsis: This session will feature key government personnel in the SPV programs and will highlight key issue affecting prime vendor operations worldwide. Emphasis will be on current issues, command directives, and challenges to be met to fulfill the mission to support the war fighters in both peace and in war.

**Session B: DSCP Workshops**

Synopsis: These sessions will address specific issues in the SPV programs to include background, explanation, and training where required. The sessions will be presented by DSCP personnel.

**Session C: Question and Answer Period**

Synopsis: This session will encourage questions and issues from meeting attendees to increase understanding, to clarify concerns, to improve SPV performance, and to resolve any issues not addressed in previous sessions.

**THIS SESSION COMPLETES THE SUBSISTENCE PRIME VENDOR TRACK**

**WEDNESDAY, June 4, 2008**

***R&DA Annual Golf Tournament***

Synopsis: This year's golf tournament will be played at the Naples Grande Golf Course. The shotgun, best ball play will begin at 8:00 AM. Regardless of your skill level, the tournament is an enjoyable outing. There will be prizes for the winning team, best drives, closest to the pin and other awards. There is a cost of \$149 per player for non government personnel and a rate of \$89 for government attendees.

***ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

***There will be government sponsored meetings held on Wednesday morning. These will be determined in April 2008.***

***\*\*\* THIS CONCLUDES OUR FORMAL PROGRAM \*\*\****

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES**

**REGISTRATION FEES:** There are two distinct/separate registration fees for this meeting. The full registration fees allow access to all events to include receptions, meals, all sessions regardless of topic, awards banquet, and other events. Those paying full registration may attend SPV sessions at no additional charge. Those who register solely for the Subsistence Prime Vendor Session are allowed only to attend those sessions and the breakfast, lunch and meeting breaks on that day. Such registrants are not allowed to participate in hospitality functions, exhibits, etc,

**RESORT/MEETING VENUE:** The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held at the Naples Grande Resort and Club located in Naples, FL. **All room reservations and changes up to 22 May 2008 must be made through R&DA.** The resort is located at 475 Seagate Dr., Naples, Florida. This is a first class resort! All of our hotel rooms will be sold out, so please make your reservations early. If you are attending the full R&DA meeting, then you are eligible for a \$100 discount if you stay three or more nights at the meeting hotel. Hotel cancellations made prior to 72 hours prior may result in a penalty for up to two nights lodging cost. Current government employees are offered the 2008 Federal Per Diem lodging rate, and all others will be charged only \$149-\$160 per night. After the cut off date these rooms will be sold from \$399 to \$599 per night. R&DA has limited ocean view suites available at \$499 - \$699 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. The cut off date for reduced room rates is May 4, 2008. R&DA will confirm your sleeping room reservations.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Fort Meyers, FL (Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)) is the nearest full airport. The resort is about 30 miles from the airport.

**DRESS CODE:** All R&DA meetings are designated as "business casual" however, this meeting also allows "resort casual".

**SPOUSE TOUR:** There will be a spouse tour on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. This tour will depart the hotel at 10:00 AM and include lunch. There is a fee to participate in this tour.

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

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual R&DA Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday at the Resort. There is a fee to participate in this event.

**SPOUSE BREAKFAST:** Complimentary spouse breakfasts will be held on Monday and Tuesday mornings. This is an opportunity to meet with other spouses and to plan activities each day.

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SALUTATION: (Dr., Mr., Ms., LTC, COL, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME FOR BADGE (Jim, Sue, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF SPOUSE FOR BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES:**  
*(Including Prime Vendor Sessions)*

	Payment Received <u>By May 1</u>	Payment Received <u>After May 1</u>	
Industrial/Individual			
Members	\$ 999.00	\$1199.00	= _____
Non-Members	\$1099.00	\$1299.00	= _____
1st Time Attendee	\$ 999.00	\$1199.00	= _____
Educators	\$ 599.00	\$ 699.00	= _____
Federal Government	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00	= _____
<b>Credit for staying in Naples Grande (\$100.00)</b>			<b>= _____</b>

**ADDITIONAL FEES - SPOUSE/GUESTS:**

Spouse/Guest Lunch (June 2)	\$ 50.00	= _____
Spouse/Guest Dinner (June 3)	\$ 85.00	= _____
Golf Tournament non-Government	\$149.00	= _____
Golf Tournament Government Only	\$ 89.00	= _____
Spouse Tour	\$ 70.00	= _____

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:**

**3 Breakfasts, 2 Luncheons, 3 Receptions, and 1 Dinner**

Is this your first R&DA meeting?     Yes     No  
 Will you attend Boot Camp (June 1)?     Yes     No  
 Are you attending SPV Session Only?     Yes     No

**SUBSISTENCE PRIME VENDOR SESSION FEES**  
*(Tuesday June 3 only)*

	<u>By May 1</u>	<u>After May 1</u>	
Industrial/Individual	\$ 389.00	\$ 489.00	= _____
Federal Government	\$ 129.00	\$ 129.00	= _____

*This allows attendance at SPV sessions on Tuesday and breakfast, lunch, and breaks only on Tuesday. Attendees of this session only are not eligible for any sleeping room discounts.*

Credit Card No.	Exp. Date: -	Name on Card	Signature

Please return registration form, along with payment (US funds or Credit Card) by FAX (210-493-8036). Note: R&DA accepts AMEX, VISA & MC. Registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received by May 7, 2008. Refunds requested after May 7, 2008, will be subject to a \$100.00 service fee. NOTE: Attendees with special needs should make this known to R&DA. Cancellations cannot be accepted after May 7, 2008.

## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

**THE CUT OFF DATE FOR GUARANTEED HOTEL RATE RESERVATIONS IS MAY 7, 2008.**

Date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Total room nights: \_\_\_\_\_

Naples Grand Resort and Club, 475 Seagate Dr., Naples FL 34103

Rates: Government 2008 Per Diem                      Others: Only \$165.00

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 or fax (210-493-8036) this registration form to R&DA, 16607 Blanco Rd, Ste. 1506, San Antonio, TX 78232.**

**ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS AND CHANGES MUST BE MADE THRU R&DA**

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