

# ***66<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting & Exhibition***

**“Meeting New Military Requirements”**

ATTENDEES WILL:

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

April 30-May 2, 2012

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa  
Asheville, NC

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# PROGRAM

**SUNDAY, April 29, 2012**

**R&DA Meeting Registration 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

**3:30 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.

**R&DA Welcoming Reception 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Join attendees and speakers at our Welcoming Reception! We will offer food and beverages to all attendees and family members at this function. This is a great opportunity for networking and a chance to win a R&DA door prize.

**MONDAY, April 30, 2012**

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

Synopsis: This session will look at elements affecting the military in the dining hall, in ration packaging, in food safety areas, equipment, and look at emerging technologies that will affect how the government does business in the future.

***Session II: Meeting Keynote***

Synopsis: Come and hear this incredible story of heroism that will make you proud to be an American and motivate you to do great things! He's a real American hero, recipient of the nation's highest military award for heroism, The Medal of Honor. His name is Sammy L. Davis, but you probably know him better as the real "Forrest Gump".

***Session III: Chefs' Presentation***

Synopsis: This session will feature industry chefs 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.

***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: SPECIAL SESSION: R&DA Wounded Warrior Program Update***

Synopsis: This session will update the many actions and successes of R&DA's Wounded Warrior 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 that require support. This session will feature those spearheading the program and update all attendees on the needs for employment, financial assistance, visits to Bethesda Naval Hospital and Brooke Army Medical Center, programs for the injured, and numerous other elements.

**SESSION VI: 66th Annual R&DA Exhibition**

Synopsis: Join us for food and beverages and a great opportunity to visit our exhibitors who will be featuring food items and service items used to support our military wherever they are deployed. Many items now considered essential military items were first introduced at R&DA exhibitions. As an added benefit, participate in the R&DA gift drawing by visiting the exhibitors.

**R&DA Hospitality Function**  
**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**Complimentary to attendees &**  
**their spouses**

**TUESDAY, May 1, 2012**

**Session VII: Corporate Updates**

Synopsis: Presentations from industries who support the military marketplace.

**Session VIII: 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. This session is appropriate for attendees who have a working knowledge of the rations programs.

**Networking Luncheon**  
**Complimentary to all attendees**

**SESSION IX: 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 X: 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.

**Session XI: Rations Review Session**

Synopsis: A detailed discussion on how ration items are developed, tested, and fielded. Additionally, data on ration configurations, how to become involved in the process, and a question and answer session to assist companies and individuals to understand all aspects of this business.

**Session XII: Understanding the Government Decision Process**

Synopsis: A session on how the government makes decisions on food and equipment related items. How the prime vendor contracts work, how companies can assess their opportunities in supporting the government, decision points and makers will be discussed and all questions will be answered to increase understanding.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE SESSIONS FOR TODAY**

**66th ANNUAL MEETING RECEPTION  
AND AWARDS DINNER**

This gala event will include a wonderful dinner prepared by the resort's culinary team. Several awards will also be presented.

**WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2012**

***The Executive Director's One-on-One Sessions***

One-on-one meetings with the R&DA Executive Director will be held. These meetings will begin at 8:00 am and can be scheduled at the registration desk.

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

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

Synopsis: This year's golf tournament will be played at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa 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 \$149 per player for non government personnel and a rate of \$89 for government attendees.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES**

**REGISTRATION FEES:** The fees for R&DA meetings are tiered based upon your status as an R&DA member. Registration provides access to all events to include receptions, meals, all sessions regardless of topic, awards banquet, and other events. You can become an Industrial Member of R&DA for only \$400 per year. Details on membership are posted on the R&DA website at [www.militaryfood.org](http://www.militaryfood.org). Meeting fees received after March 30, 2012 will not receive the early registration discount.

**RESORT/MEETING VENUE:** The 66th Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held at the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa located in Asheville, NC. ***All room reservations and changes must be made through R&DA as we offer the lowest room pricing for this meeting.*** The resort is located at **290 Macon Ave., Asheville, NC 28804 (telephone 800-438-5800)**. All of our hotel rooms will be sold out, so **please make your reservations early**. 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 2012 Federal Per Diem lodging rate, and all others will be charged only \$189 per night. After the cut-off date, these rooms will be sold from \$280-\$500 per night. Rooms are available three days prior and after the meeting if space is available. R&DA has negotiated special suite prices in conjunction with this meeting. If you are interested in a suite please call the R&DA office (210-493-8024) for pricing and availability.

**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](mailto:hqs@militaryfood.org). The cut-off date for reduced room rates is **April 5, 2012**; 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](http://www.militaryfood.org) for detailed instructions.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The nearest full service airport is Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) and is located about 25 miles from the resort. Primary airline carriers are AirTran Airways, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Express and US Airways. The best way from the airport is a rental car. Shuttle service is also available through Accents on Asheville at the group rates of \$45 per person one-way, \$90 round trip, \$70 per couple one-way and \$140 round trip. Shuttle reservations can be made online at [www.accentsonasheville.com](http://www.accentsonasheville.com).

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

**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 66th Annual R&DA Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday. There is a fee to participate in this event.

**SPOUSE PROGRAM:** R&DA will offer a meeting place each morning for spouses to meet. Additionally there will be a spouse activity on Tuesday, May 1st. There is a fee of \$119 to participate in this event which will include lunch. If the minimum numbers of participants do not sign up, the spouse activity will be cancelled and refunds provided.

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## April 30 - May 2, 2012

### Meeting Registration Form

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (email address for confirmation & meeting roster)

NAME OF SPOUSE FOR BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES:**

	Payment Received By Apr. 5th	Payment Received By Apr. 12th	
Industrial/Individual			
Members	\$ 1129.00	\$ 1129.00	= _____
Non-Members	\$ 1199.00	\$ 1249.00	= _____
Educators	\$ 499.00	\$ 599.00	= _____
Federal Government	\$ 299.00	\$ 399.00	= _____

**ADDITIONAL FEES - SPOUSE/GUESTS:**

Spouse Activity (Tuesday)	\$ 119.00	= _____
Spouse/Guest Lunch	\$ 59.00	= _____
Spouse/Guest Awards Banquet	\$ 89.00	= _____
Golf Tournament non-Government	\$ 149.00	= _____
Golf Tournament Government Only	\$ 89.00	= _____

**YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:**

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

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

Is this your first R&DA meeting?  Yes  No

Will you attend Boot Camp?  Yes  No

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 only AMEX, VISA & MC. Registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received by April 16, 2012. Refunds requested after April 16, 2012 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 April 18, 2012 due to pre-payment requirements.

## HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

**THE CUT OFF DATE FOR GUARANTEED HOTEL RATE RESERVATIONS IS April 5, 2012**

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

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, 290 Macon Ave., Asheville, NC 28804 Tel: 800-438-5800

Rates: Government: 2012 Per Diem Others: Only \$189.00

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 THRU R&DA**

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

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