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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: ATAG Policy Letter #16, KSARNG Troop Feeding

1. The KSARNG meal standard is three quality meals per day. These meals will be selected from the following rations.
  - a. Class-A Rations: raw, unprepared subsistence prepared by food service personnel.
  - b. Rapid Preparation Meals (RPMs): pre-cooked, main entrees requiring food service personnel to heat and serve.
  - c. Shelf-Stable Meals: self-contained, individual field ration, packaged 16 to a case.
  - d. Heater Meals: self-contained, individual field ration, packaged 12 to a case.
  - e. Meals Ready to Eat (MREs): self-contained, individual field ration, packaged 12 to a case.
  - f. Commercial / Catered Meals: meals consumed on the local economy or delivered from a restaurant or catering company.
  - g. A combination of these meals or other rations approved by the KSARNG Menu Management Board.
2. The Commander's tactical feeding plan should be determined by mission, enemy, terrain, weather, troops, time, support available, and civil considerations (METT-TC). Commanders will ensure the best possible meals are served to their soldiers during IDT and Annual Training (AT) within funding constraints. The type of rations served and the quality of preparation are directly related to soldier morale and retention of unit personnel.
3. Effective immediately, the following policy will be adhered to when planning meals for soldiers during IDT and AT.
  - a. Whenever practical, units possessing qualified, 92G soldiers will serve Class A rations when conducting home station training or when in garrison facilities at training sites. MREs should not be served at home station armories or in garrison-area training.

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b. Class A Rations (raw subsistence) should be used in the field (METT-TC permitting) when the unit has the personnel, equipment and facilities necessary to properly store perishables and prepare and distribute meals to the required feeding locations.

c. Units may purchase catered meals on the economy. These meals must not exceed the published commercial meal rates per soldier or a request for an exception to policy letter must be approved by the Director of Logistics.

d. Unitized Group Rations (UGRs) will not be utilized due to expense and waste.

e. Class A rations will be served hot. No less than two hot meals should be served daily during AT.

f. Shelf-Stable Meals, alternative to the MRE; same rules apply as MREs.

g. Heater Meals, alternative to the MRE; same rules apply as MREs.

h. MREs will only be used when unit activities preclude the use of Class A rations or RPMs. No more than one MRE per day will be served to unit personnel unless one of the following conditions exists:

(1) Troops are dispersed to many locations and it is not feasible to get them hot meals.

(2) While conducting convoy operations, when shelf stable meal kits or heater meals kits are not available.

(3) When troops are separated from the unit at meal time and no other means of subsistence can be provided.

(4) During emergency conditions and emergency operations, when no other rations are available.

4. HHCs with a consolidated MTOE food service section are encouraged to provide qualified personnel and equipment to support subordinate units during home station IDT weekends. Utilizing our organic food service capability and expertise will enhance readiness while reducing the high cost of commercial meals to the KSARNG.

5. Units co-located in armories and drilling on the same weekend are encouraged to combine food service operations. Commanders should coordinate their efforts to ensure a request for support (DA Form 5913-R, Strength and Feeder Report) is provided to the supporting unit and that the required support (food service personnel, dining facility attendants, etc.) is provided and available.

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6. Requests for exception to this policy will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Prior to requesting rations, an exception to policy request must be submitted with proper justification to the Director of Logistics.

7. The POC for this memorandum is MSG Larry D. Dew, KSARNG Food Program Manager, work (785) 274-1303, cell (785) 633-0918, or email [larry.d.dew.mil@mail.mil](mailto:larry.d.dew.mil@mail.mil).

8. This policy supersedes ATAG Policy Letter #16, KSARNG Troop Feeding, dated 17 November 2011.



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