

**DSCP SUBSISTENCE
OPERATIONAL RATIONS BUSINESS UNIT
HIGHLIGHTS
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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR DSCP... In compliance with DLA Directives, DSCP will be changing the e-mail addresses of all employees. The new format will be FirstName.LastName@dla.mil. In the event of duplicate first and last names, the middle initial will be used to distinguish the users as follows: FirstName.MiddleInitial.LastName@dla.mil. Old E-Mail address will eventually become obsolete. For the near future, the old email address formats will be functional. Please visit our updated phone and email directory at <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/rations/ratdir.htm>.



ENDURING FREEDOM and FUTURE RELATED OPERATIONS REQUISITION ACTIVITY AND SALES... The cumulative total number of requisitions to date for these operations is 178,697. Total dollar value is \$547 M. These numbers represent all of the three Subsistence commodities (Operational Rations, Food Service, and Produce). *An U.S. Army soldier eats a Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) in Afghanistan (Photo: SSGT Ricky A Bloom)*



NEW MEDICAL DIET FIELD FEEDING SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE... This new item is intended for injured soldiers that have sustained head and cranial injuries that impede consumption of food. Components include soft and liquid food such as soup, instant breakfast, and gelatin. For a complete description and directions on how to order, please visit the Medical Diet Field Feeding Supplement Web Page at <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/rations/meals/medsup.htm>. The POC is Linda DiPretoro, (215) 737-8227, DSN 444-8227, email Linda.DiPretoro@dla.mil.



MEAL, READY-TO-EAT (MRE) UTILIZED IN SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA RECOVERY EFFORT...MREs

were provided to General Services Administration (GSA) to support their search effort. The Columbia Shuttle tragedy occurred on February 1, 2003 and saw all seven astronauts lose their lives. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the crew members.



LAMBERT STREET TRAY PACK AWARD...

The Operational Rations Business Unit awarded a contract for producing metal tray pack cans to Lambert Street Packaging, San Antonio, Texas, on December 17, 2002. Delivery of the tray packs to Defense Depots began in February 2003. This award marks the first time that Lambert Street will be utilized for this item. DSCP had to go beyond its current base of contractors for the metal tray pack can, as they had all provided the maximum capacity of product that they were capable of producing. Increased requirements are the result of Operation Enduring Freedom and related support. The metal tray pack can, along with the Polymeric Tray, are the core components of the Unitized Group Ration- Heat and Serve (UGR-H&S).



DSCP PARTICIPATION OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT...

DSCP recently satisfied a \$2.3M requirement for the Office of Emergency Response (formerly Office of Emergency Preparedness) to outfit six Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) sets. This initiative, we believe, is the first time (at least in a long time) at DSCP that all Directorates worked together to satisfy a requirement for another federal agency. Subsistence items included Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and Food Service Equipment (FSE).



JOINT SERVICES OPERATIONAL RATIONS FORUM (JSORF) AND THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY MEETING...

DSCP Operational Rations participated in the recent Government and Industry Meeting on February 4, 2003 and the JSORF on February 5-6, 2003 in Richmond, Virginia. Briefing charts from our presentations will be posted to our web site soon at <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/rations/ratbrief.htm>.



2003 DSCP SUBSISTENCE WORLDWIDE CUSTOMER CONFERENCE & FOOD SHOW UPDATE...

Our 2003 Customer Conference and Food Show will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on June 10th and 11th. The Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence (ACES) meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 12 and 13. For information regarding this year's conference and food show, please call 215-737-5300. To view photos and attendee list from last year's show please visit <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/confer/02pics.htm>.

Subsistence will be returning to the Atlantic City Convention Center in New Jersey (pictured above) for the 2003 Customer Conference and Food Show. (Photo: Joe Zanolle/DSCP)

WELCOME

WELCOME ABOARD... We have two new members to report joining our team. The first is the returning **Joan Lutz**. Joan will be working in the Industrial Base Planning (IBP) Office. Her contact information is (215) 737-9118, DSN 444-9118, email Joan.Lutz@dla.mil. Joan previously worked for the B Rations Component Section of the Group Field Feeding Branch and most recently the Customer Operations Directorate. Also, joining us is **CDR James McCormack, SC, USN**. CDR McCormack will be working in Operational Rations and serve as Subsistence Readiness Officer. His most recent assignment was at the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), Contracting and Management Directorate, Operations Division in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. His contact information is (215) 737-5668, DSN 444-5668, James.McCormack@dla.mil. Both Joan and CDR McCormack will be working Operation Enduring Freedom issues.



CONGRATULATIONS... To Cynthia Henry, Debbie Sinno, O.J. Hunt, and Brian Lowry. **Cynthia Henry** (pictured here), who is the Senior Quality Assurance Specialist of the Group Field Feeding Branch, recently won 1st place and Best of Show over 81 categories of crafts at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for her counted cross stitch artwork of "*Three Fighting Men*" Vietnam War Memorial Statue. **O.J. Hunt**, of the Product Quality Branch, and

Brian Lowry, of the Components Section of the Individual Field Feeding Branch, were selected as winners of the prestigious 2002 Department of Defense (DOD) Packaging Excellence Award. **Debbie Sinno**, who is an item manager in the Assembly Section of the Individual Field Feeding Branch, was recently selected as the DSCP Subsistence Employee of the Month (Category II) for all the great work that she does in supporting our customers, especially considering the additional workload that comes with Operation Enduring Freedom. Congratulations again to everyone on their laudable achievements!!

ADDITIONAL QUICK NOTES...

- The StarKist Tuna division of Heinz Foods recently visited our office about the possible inclusion of their product into our program. They were directed to the Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence (ACES) and the Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM)/Natick to further explore a potential relationship.
- The Meal, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and other operational rations programs have been the subject of many media stories recently. The New York Times, CNBC, and ABC-WPVI Action News Philadelphia have all recently done stories on operational rations.

- Meetings and work continue at a steady pace in regard to DLA and DSCP assuming Class I Executive Agent Duties for the U.S. Military Services.
- The Meal Alternative Regionally Customized (MARC) contract award is scheduled to be made shortly. The MARC, which was developed in conjunction with SBCCOM/Natick, features menus applicable to regional tastes. It is required to feed detainees in Guantanamo Bay, but can be used to feed other guests as well. The MARC will replace the VMRE, which has had its stock exhausted.
- The 57th Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the Research and Development Associates (R&DA) for Military Food and Packaging Systems is scheduled for May 27-29, 2003 in Palm Desert, California.

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For more information on the Operational Rations Business Unit, please access our web page at <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/oprat.htm>.