

**DSCP SUBSISTENCE  
OPERATIONAL RATIONS BUSINESS UNIT  
HIGHLIGHTS  
September 12, 2003**



**EDITOR'S NOTES...**I would like to correct an error that was made in the June 20, 2003 edition of this newsletter. When listing the Operational Rations team members that were recognized at the **2003 Federal Executive Board (FEB) Excellence in Government Awards Program** with a Bronze Award for Improved Federal Image (Group Category), I failed to list two names- **Gwen Williams and Zoraya Wilson**. I apologize for the omission. Again, congratulations to Gwen and Zoraya and all of our team members that were recognized at the 2003 FEB! Also, a reminder that our **2003 Subsistence Worldwide Customer Conference and Food Show** is quickly approaching. The dates are October 7 & 8, 2003 at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Operational Rations and Field Feeding Equipment will be at Booths #302 and #304 at the Food Show on Wednesday, October 8. Please stop by and visit the booths. And looking ahead to **next year**, the **2004 Subsistence Worldwide Customer Conference & Food Show** will be held at the San Antonio Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The dates are July 20-21, 2004.



**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) AND IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) REQUISITION ACTIVITY AND SALES...**The cumulative total number of requisitions as of September 12, 2003 for OEF and OIF is over 254,000 and the total dollar value is over \$959 M. These numbers represent all of the three Subsistence commodities (Operational Rations, Food Service, and Produce). *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Eric A. Archer)*



**OPERATIONAL RATIONS PERSONNEL CHANGES...**New to the Operational Rations Business Unit are Debbie Paster, Annette Seymour, SSGT Derrick Smith, and Harry Streibich. **Debbie** is new to the Unitized Group Ration (UGR) Section of the Group Field Feeding Branch. Her POC info is (215) 737-2979, DSN 444-2979, email [Debra.Paster@dla.mil](mailto:Debra.Paster@dla.mil). **Annette** works in the Assembly Section of the Individual Field Feeding Branch. Her POC info is (215) 737-9042, DSN 444-9042, email

[Annette.Seymour@dla.mil](mailto:Annette.Seymour@dla.mil). **SSGT Smith** is working in Readiness Support. His POC info is (215) 737-3022, DSN 444-3022, email [Derrick.J.Smith@dla.mil](mailto:Derrick.J.Smith@dla.mil). **Harry** is the new Section Chief and Contracting Officer of the Components/Unitized B Section of the Group Field Feeding Branch. He will report to Operational Rations on September 29, 2003. Harry's POC info is (215) 737-3820, DSN 444-3820, [Harry.Streibich@dla.mil](mailto:Harry.Streibich@dla.mil). Harry will be replacing **Carol Santos**, who will be retiring from Federal Government Service on September 30, 2003. She will be missed by the Rations Team. We wish everyone good luck in their new endeavors.



#### **NEW DSCP DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SUBSISTENCE NAMED...**

John Cuorato was named the new Deputy Director of Subsistence. John previously worked as a Commodity Business Unit (CBU) Chief in the DSCP Medical Directorate. He reported to Subsistence on August 18, 2003 and assumed the duties of Deputy Director on September 4, 2003. John is replacing Paul Amato, who recently retired with over 30 years of federal service. Paul served as Deputy Director in Subsistence for 3 years. Paul's official last date of service was September 3, 2003.



#### **MEAL, ALTERNATIVE REGIONALLY CUSTOMIZED (MARC) CONTRACT AWARDED**

[NATICK SOLDIER CENTER, NATICK, MA/DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA (DSCP)]...The Meal, Alternative Regionally Customized (MARC) contract was recently awarded to SOPACKCO Inc. of Mullins, S.C. in July 2003. This self-contained, shelf stable meal was developed by the Individual Combat Ration Team (ICRT), Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD) after receiving an urgent request from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to expedite the development of a suitable vegetarian ration with unique dietary and component requirements designed specifically for detainees at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base (GTMO). The ICRT collaborated closely with DSCP and the U.S. Navy food service personnel at GTMO to determine salient performance characteristics and calorie requirements to maximize nutritional benefit and identify component restrictions. While created out of a need to support GTMO detainees, the meal may be used to provide for other detainees also. The MARC design parameters identified specific "prohibited products" including beef, pork, poultry, or any other animal product or animal by-product from all ration components (note: the MARC IS NOT kosher or halal certified). The final product configuration includes 10 different luncheon entrée menus containing food components familiar to Southwest Asian/Middle East populations each packaged in a single meal bag. There are 10 meals per case (one of each menu). The meal has a minimum shelf life of 12 months and all food components are shelf stable and ready-to-eat (no preparation necessary). Each meal has a minimum of 700 calories. CFD food technologists will conduct Product Demonstration Model (PDM) inspections as applicable and provide limited engineering support to procurement through DSCP.



### **TAILORED OPERATIONAL TRAINING MEAL (TOTM)**

**MILESTONE...**Total TOTM sales reached the \$5 M point as of September 2003. The TOTM customer base has expanded to include the Army National Guard (ARNG), Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), and the Army Reserves (USAR). Other potential customers that have recently showed interest in the

TOTM include the Air National Guard (ANG) and the Marine Forces Reserves (MARFORRES). The TOTM became available on May 1, 2001. For more information on the TOTM please visit <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/rations/meals/totm.htm>.



### **UNIPRO CONDUCTS VIRTUAL WARTIME VISIBILITY (VWV) SURGE TEST...**

UniPro Foodservice, Inc., recently conducted its yearly VWV Surge Test on July 28-31, 2003. The test was performed to determine how well UniPro's network of distributors, suppliers, and logistics companies can source subsistence products for military feeding within a 48-hour timeframe in the event of a contingency. The

items selected for the test were determined to be the most difficult items to source based on past experiences with obtaining these items in the required timeframes. 300 vendors were contacted within 24 hours of receiving the product list. Over 74% of the total shipments met the 48-hour delivery deadline in contrast to 2002 results, which achieved 36% of the shipments within the 48-hour deadline. Some lessons learned included sourcing product closer to the delivery point and increasing truck carriers.



### **RICH FASO RECEIVES AWARD OF RECOGNITION FROM DLA...**

Rich Faso received an award from DLA in recognition of his efforts in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) on July 9, 2003 at DSCP in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Rich stated, "It was an honor to be recognized by MG Hawthorne Proctor (J-3 DLA Director of Logistics Operations) for outstanding support to OIF and OEF. However, it would not have been possible if it weren't for the efforts put forth by the Rations CBU, Prime Vendor Overseas, DSCP Europe, and CW5

Rich Goodman. I consider this recognition for all of us as it has truly been and continues to be a Team effort!"



### **NEW FEATURES ON THE DSCP SUBSISTENCE WEB PAGE...**

Please be advised that there are several new features on the Subsistence Web Page. There is a "New Item Introduction" site. The web address is [www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/vendors/index.htm](http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/vendors/index.htm). Vendors interested in introducing new products to DSCP can refer to this site. Also, there is a new "Common

Food Management System (CFMS)" newsletter now online, located at [www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/news/cfms.htm](http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/news/cfms.htm). Common Food Management System is the new name for STORES Retail. Finally, "The Menu," - The Official Magazine of Subsistence, is now posted online and can be seen at <http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/themenu.htm>.

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