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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 008-22

From: Commanding General
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Subj: POLICY FOR SALE OF MEALS IN ENLISTED APPROPRIATED
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Ref: (a) MCO 10110.14N
(b) 37 U.S.C. §1011
(c) DOD FMR 7000.14R Vol 12 Chap 19

1. Purpose. In 2002, the U.S. Marine Corps contracted garrison food service operations on a regional basis in an effort to reduce costs and return food service billets to the operating forces. Since that time, contract costs have escalated to the point that meal rates are no longer sufficient to recoup the actual costs invoiced by the contractor and the overhead (utilities and maintenance) attributed to providing the meals. References (a) through (c) provide guidance and authority to sell meals from Enlisted Appropriated Fund Mess Halls. Per reference (a), the Installation Commander is responsible for assuring that meals are provided to only authorized personnel.

2. Cancellation. CG Policy letter 06-18 of 24 Jul 18.

3. Policy. The statutory and primary purpose of mess halls is to provide meals to enlisted personnel authorized to eat at government expense. The subsistence portion of the Military Personnel Marine Corps (MPMC) budget, which funds the regional contract, is congressionally authorized for this specific purpose. There are conditions under which personnel, other than enlisted Service Members being furnished subsistence-in-kind (SIK), may be authorized to receive a meal from an appropriated fund food service activity. However, due to the contractor-invoiced cost per meal, there are no circumstances under which an adequate meal rate can be collected. In order to ensure that the sale of meals from mess halls does not adversely affect the feeding of personnel authorized to subsist at government expense, and to reduce the escalation of contracting costs attributed to feeding other than SIK, only the following personnel are authorized to subsist in mess halls:

a. Officer and enlisted personnel drawing a basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) are authorized to purchase meals on a reimbursable basis at any time, regardless of duty status.

b. Command duty officers (CDO) when required to partake of a meal to determine quality and quantity of food served.

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c. Federal civilian employees in command authority positions (e.g., Executive Officer, S-4 Officers) are authorized meals on a reimbursable basis to determine the quality of meals and service, only when the area commander or CDO does not partake of the same meal.

d. Dependents of enlisted personnel E-1 through E-4, when authorized and accompanied by their sponsor, are authorized to purchase meals in accordance with reference (b) and will be charged the discount meal rate. Enlisted personnel in the grade of E-1 through E-4 receiving BAS will pay the full meal rate.

e. Organized non-profit youth groups sponsored at either the national or local level and authorized by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (CG MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ). Requests to subsist these groups shall be submitted to the Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-4 (Attn: Director, Food Service Division), a minimum of 10 working days in advance. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved based upon the capacity of the mess halls and the determination that no adverse effect on feeding personnel authorized to subsist at government expense will result.

f. Per reference (a), civilian guests (e.g., Federal employees, retirees, and dependents) may be extended an invitation by the Installation Commander to purchase meals for the Marine Corps Birthday, Navy Birthday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, installation-sponsored family days, military appreciation days, and open house days.

g. Non-Department of Defense (DoD) personnel who provide emergency and disaster assistance to MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ shall not be required to pay for any meals provided. Emergency and disaster feeding under these circumstances shall be funded through local Operations and Maintenance, Marine Corps (O&M, MC) appropriations as an extraordinary expense. Prior to allowing these personnel to eat at no expense, the Director, Food Service Division shall contact the Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps (Programs and Resources Department Fiscal Division Finance Branch), to ensure the situation warrants classification as an emergent expense.

h. DoD civilian personnel and military family members are not authorized meals at government expense and shall be required to pay for all meals consumed if provided as part of an emergency/disaster relief effort. Every effort will be made to obtain reimbursement, however, shortfalls resulting from non-collection shall be funded from local O&M, MC funds to ensure reimbursement of the MPMC account.

4. The feeding of DoD or contracted employees shall not be authorized. When deemed mission critical, and only after exhausting other commercial or non-appropriated venues such as Marine Corps Community Services facilities, a request for policy exemption for a specific event may be requested.

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All waiver requests must contain justification and shall be forwarded to the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ, AC/S, G-4 (Attn: Director, Food Service Division) for approval.



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