

R&DA's 2024 Spring Meeting

The Westin La Paloma

May 7-9, 2024

(Pre-Meeting Sessions & Events - May 6, 2024)

Tucson, AZ



"Enhancing Support To The US Military"

Attendees will hear invaluable presentations by key government officials, network with decision makers & receive updates regarding critical issues related to military feeding around the world.

KEY SESSIONS:

- Work Group Sessions with Relevant Government Agencies
 - Special Combat Ration Workshops
 - Military Nutritional Feeding Overviews
- Updates on Subsistence Vendor Programs
 - Industry Corporate Updates
 - Tabletop Exhibition Showcase
- Military Assistance Program Updates
 - Much, Much, More!

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GENERAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Program subject to change

Pre-Meeting Sessions & Events - Monday, May 6, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration & Information Desk
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Tabletop Exhibits – <i>must be set-up by 12:30 pm</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	R&DA's Boot Camp 101- Government/Military Marketplace
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Newcomers' Orientation Workshop
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Networking Welcoming Reception

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Registration & Information Desk
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tabletop Spaces – <i>must be set-up by 7:30 am</i>
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	General Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Address• Military Service Updates• Combat Feeding Science & Technology Work Group• Rations Workgroup Session
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Networking Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions/One-On One Meeting Sessions
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	R&DA Hospitality Reception

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Registration & Information Desk
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tabletop Spaces – <i>must be set-up by 7:30 am</i>
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	General Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry Leadership Speaker• Military Assistance Program Updates• ACES Updates• Subsistence Vendor Workgroup
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Chef -N- Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions/One-On One Meeting Sessions
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions (<i>to be determined</i>)



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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: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR MEETING ROSTER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR MEETING CONFIRMATION: _____

Is this your first R&DA meeting? Yes No

Will you attend the Banquet Dinner on Wed.? Yes No

Number of Attendees: _____
 (For Meal Count)

Please list any special services: (accessibility, dietary, or other needs) _____

FULL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES:

	Payment Received By Apr. 15 th	Payment Received After Apr. 15 th	
<u>Industrial/Individual</u>			
Members (2024 dues paid)	\$1199.00	\$1319.00	= _____
Non-Member's	\$1399.00	\$1519.00	= _____
1st Time Company Attendee	\$1099.00	\$1219.00	= _____
Federal Government	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	= _____
Military Challenge Coin	\$25.00/ea.	\$30.00/ea.	= _____

DISCOUNTS:

Other _____ = - _____

SPOUSE/GUESTS:

NAME OF SPOUSE FOR BADGE: _____

TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____

(Complimentary admission to the Welcoming Reception and Hospitality Reception only. Admission to other meeting sessions and events is not included. Anyone consulting with, or employed by, an organization eligible for membership with R&DA is not eligible for this fee. If you plan on participating in the spouse/guest meals, please indicate below)

Spouse/Guest Meals \$299.00 = _____
(There are no refunds or credit for meals received after April 15, 2024)

TOTAL AMOUNT = _____

Credit Card No:	Exp. Date:	Name on Card:	Signature:	CVV/CVC
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Credit Card Payment Check Payment PayPal Payment (<https://www.militaryfood.org/spring-meeting>)

Please return the registration form, along with payment (US funds or Credit Card). **Make check payments to R&DA, 16607 Blanco Rd., Ste. 1103, San Antonio, TX 78232. You may also submit your payment via PayPal <https://www.militaryfood.org/spring-meeting>.** Electronic receipts will be provided in your registration confirmation email. Registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received by April 15, 2024, minus a \$100 service fee. There are no refunds on cancellations received after April 15, 2024, due to pre-payment requirements. NOTE: Attendees with special needs (accessibility, dietary or other needs) should make this known to R&DA at the time of registration.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION



The Westin La Paloma is holding a block of rooms at the industry room rate of \$175 per night (plus applicable taxes) and the government/state rate of \$120 per night (plus applicable taxes). **The special room rate will be available until April 19, 2024**, or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. **All hotel reservations must be made through the R&DA hotel link at <https://www.militaryfood.org/spring-meeting>.** The hotel will send a room confirmation that will include your reservation number.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES

ACCOMMODATIONS: The R&DA 2024 Spring Meeting will be held at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson, AZ. The Westin La Paloma Hotel is located at 3800 East Sunrise Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718, Tel. 520-742.6000.

REGISTRATION & FEES: Discounted registration rates are a member benefit, and you must be a member in good standing of R&DA at the time of registration to receive the discount. **To check your membership status please contact admin@militaryfood.org.** Details on membership are posted on the R&DA website at <http://www.militaryfood.org/membership>. Discounted rates are eligible only for “first time” attendees. **R&DA will send a meeting confirmation to the email provided on your registration form when payment is received and processed.** Registration provides access to all events including receptions, meals, all sessions regardless of topic, tabletop exhibits, breakout sessions, and banquet. R&DA Meeting fees received **after April 15, 2024**, will not receive the early registration discount. **Electronic receipts will be provided in your registration confirmation email.**

SPECIAL NEEDS: Persons with disabilities or special needs, including any type of food restriction or allergy should indicate that request on the registration form or send a description of any services needed to jcook@militaryfood.org **before April 15, 2024.**

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TRANSPORTATION: The nearest convenient airport is Tucson International Airport (TUS) which is about 16 miles from the hotel. Uber/Lyft, taxi, airport shuttle services and rental cars are the best way to get to the hotel. Complimentary self-parking is available. For further information, please contact the Concierge at 520-742.6000.

PROGRAM MATERIALS: The program materials will be available on the *Meeting Attendee Resources* webpage <https://www.militaryfood.org/meeting-attendee-resources> after April 22, 2024. Program materials will also be provided in a hard-copy format onsite in your attendee packet. **Members will receive access to briefings/presentations 7-10 days after the conference on the Members Only website page at <https://www.militaryfood.org/membersonly>.**

CODE OF CONDUCT: R&DA is committed to providing a professional, collegial, safe, supportive, and respectful meeting environment, regardless of a person’s race, color, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, age, religion, disability, status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, physical appearance, or other characteristic (“personal characteristics”). R&DA expects individuals to uphold the professional and educational purposes of R&DA and its events by respecting the rights, privacy, safety, and dignity of all persons. R&DA expects individuals to exercise professionalism, consideration and respect in their speech and actions. R&DA expects individuals to refrain from harassing speech and other harassing behavior.

DRESS CODE: Appropriate dress for this conference is business casual for civilians and class B uniform or uniform of the day for military personnel. Dress code suggestion for the evening banquet on Wednesday is semi-formal for civilians and ceremonial uniform for military personnel.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Increase your brand exposure by taking advantage of one or more of the sponsorship or advertising opportunities provided at R&DA’s Spring Meeting. Please visit our webpage at <https://www.militaryfood.org/spring-meeting> or contact Jan Cook at jcook@militaryfood.org for further details.

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS: R&DA is offering Military Challenge Coins for \$25.00/ea. for prepurchase by April 15th. The coins will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Prepaid coins will be placed in attendee packets. After April 15th there will be a limited number of coins held for sale at R&DA’s registration desk during the 2024 Spring Meeting for \$30.00/ea.



Side 1

Side 2

PAYMENT POLICY: Registration fees may be charged to American Express, MasterCard, VISA, or Discover. Make checks for registration payable to R&DA in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank. Registration fees are payable upon receipt, and full payment must be received in a timely manner to gain entry to the 2024 Spring Meeting. **If check payments are not received before the first day of check-in on Monday, May 6th then a credit card payment must be provided and will be processed onsite.**

CANCELLATIONS: Registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received by April 15th, minus a \$100 service fee. **There are no refunds on cancellations received after April 15th due to pre-payment requirements.** Substitutions may be made but please contact R&DA of the name change as soon as possible. Refunds are non-transferrable and cannot be applied to any future service, conference, or event.