

Understanding DFAC Operations

Portion Sizes

- **TM 10-412 (Index of Recipes)** – Army recipes direct the portion sizes that DFAC employees use when issuing food in the DFAC. The file is large and can only be viewed on a PC. Follow the instructions and click the “Download Recipe Service” link. https://quartermaster.army.mil/jccoe/publications/food_links.html
- The DFAC SIK/meal card customer entitlement is for a single meal portion per meal period. For an SIK/meal card diner, duplicate meals without purchasing the second meal overextends Army MPA subsistence account funds.

Taking food from the DFAC

- **USAG POM Commander Policy # 24** – Food or drink served in the dining facilities will not be taken out of the Dining Facility (DFAC). Exceptions are to-go containers...for Service Members.

Dining Facility Budgets

- **TM 4-41.11 Chapter 2 Section 2-4** – BAS withheld from a Service Member’s pay goes into a large pot shared by all Army installations. POM dining facilities earn a monetary allowance for purchasing food based on customer headcount and the basic daily food allowance (BDFA). Oversized portions, can cause DFACs to exceed their monetary food allowance. The DFAC contractor makes profit through incentives of headcount; more customers = more profit. The contractor is paid via appropriated funds from Congress, not via BAS dollars. Reducing food offerings to manage the food budget hurts contractor profits because fewer people will dine in the DFAC.

Meal Cost

- **AR 30-22, Chapter 3, Section 3-28** – The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense establishes meal rates.

Civilian Diners

- **AR 30-22, Chapter 3, Section 3-1** – The Senior Commander will establish and approve an installation policy under which... Civilian personnel...and others who are not enlisted Service Members may purchase meals. The senior commander may establish policy for prioritization of supporting subsistence in kind (SIK) diners.
- **USAG POM Commander Policy # 23** – I have determined that it is in the best interest of the Government, due to increased operational efficiency, morale improvement, unit integrity, and good community relations, to authorize all below categories of diners to purchase meals at the DFACs: h. DoD Civilian personnel, i. DoD Contract personnel.
Summary: DFACs exist for enlisted barracks Service Members. Civilians are guests authorized by the Senior Commander.
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