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MEMORANDUM FOR FSS SUSTAINMENT FLIGHT CHIEFS AND FOOD SERVICE OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: CY2026 Food Service Charges at Air Force Appropriated Fund Dining Facilities

1. Volume 12, "Special Accounts, Funds and Programs," of DOD Financial Management Regulation (DOD 7000.14-R) stipulates that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall prescribe the rates for food service charges annually. Chapter 19, "Food Service Program," of Volume 12 addresses rates to be charged for meals at Department of Defense (DOD) appropriated fund dining facilities and Chapter 20, "Military Academy Dining Hall Operations," Volume 12 addresses the daily amount of subsistence to be prescribed for each Military Department that operates a Service Academy dining hall in support of Cadets or Midshipmen.

2. Air National Guard, Air Force Reserves, Clear AFS AK (Clear will convert to A La Carte May 26) and field operations are operated under the "Traditional" meal pricing system, all other Air Force Dining Facilities (Food 2.0, Non-Food 2.0) are operated under the "A La Carte" meal pricing system (See para 5).

3. The following food service rates are effective January 1, 2026.

4. Traditional Meal Pricing:

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Standard</u>
Midnight	\$3.35	\$4.50
Breakfast	\$3.35	\$4.50
Lunch	\$5.55	\$7.25
Dinner	\$4.75	\$6.25
Brunch	\$6.10	\$8.10
Supper	\$7.35	\$9.85
Holiday	\$8.75	\$11.85
Flight Meal	\$8.75	\$11.85

Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and Unitized Group Rations (UGR's): Rate is based upon meal period they are utilized and served.

A. Discount Rate

The discount rate shall be charged to:

- (1). Spouses and other dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4.
- (2). Members of organized nonprofit youth groups sponsored at either the national or local level and permitted to eat in the general dining facility by the Commanding Office of the installation. Such groups

include Civil Air Patrol, Junior ROTC, and Scouting units.

(3). Officers, enlisted members, and federal civilian employees who are not receiving the meal portion of per diem and who are either:

- (a). Performing duty on a U.S. Government vessel,
- (b). On field duty,
- (c). In a group travel status, or
- (d). Included in essential unit messing (EUM) as defined in the JFTR, Chapter 2, Par. 020315, or
- (e). Assigned to Essential Station Messing (ESM) as in enlisted member as defined in DoDD 1418.05

(4). Officers, enlisted members, and federal employees who are not receiving the meal portion of per diem, and who are on a U.S. Government aircraft on official duty either as a passenger or as a crew member engaged in flight operations.

(5). Officers, enlisted members, federal employees on Joint Task Force operations other than training at temporary U.S. installations or using temporary dining facilities.

#### B. Standard Rate

(1). The standard rate shall be charged to all officers and enlisted members receiving an allowance for subsistence (other than those addressed in Note A/above), any officer, enlisted member or federal civilian employee receiving the subsistence portion of per diem, and all other personnel (including Reserve Component officers on Inactive Duty Training) authorized to eat in DoD appropriated fund dining facilities.

(2). The standard rate shall also be used as the basis for providing subsistence to Cadets and Midshipmen at the Military Academies.

(3). Duty Passengers on Per Diem, Space A and Non-Duty Passengers pay standard rate

#### 5. A la Carte Meal Pricing System.

A. When using an “A La Carte” menu, the price of each item on the menu shall be established individually based on type of operation (Traditional/Legacy Dining or Food 2.0).

(1). A 33 percent operational charge (i.e., the cost of unprepared food multiplied by a factor of 1.33 is added to the meal price at Traditional/Legacy Dining bases to compute the standard rate.

(2). The discount/standard rate applies to the same eligible personnel as identified under the Traditional Meal System in paragraph 4A and 4B.

(3). Food 2.0 bases do not charge an operational charge.

6. If you have questions, please contact Capt Travis Lockwood, [travis.lockwood@us.af.mil](mailto:travis.lockwood@us.af.mil) or Mr. Edgard Castillo, [edgard.castillo.1@us.af.mil](mailto:edgard.castillo.1@us.af.mil)

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