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JBSA Teammates,

This memo authorizes certain JBSA service members under the following conditions to receive Government-provided meals without charge and also receive Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) at the applicable standard monthly rate without automatic deduction.

- 1) Eligibility is limited to JBSA uniformed enlisted members from any Service and officers in the Air Force, who are not entitled to the meals portion of a per diem and
- 2) Who, in response to the spread of COVID-19, is restricted in his or her movements for self-monitoring, to protect the health of our personnel and their families, or to assure essential mission function capability and
- 3) As a result of such restriction of movements, is housed in Government quarters (unaccompanied or leased, and including missile alert facilities) and
- 4) Subsisted through Government-provided meals (from a Government/appropriated fund dining facility or a Government-contracted vendor)

This does not include the authority to *initiate* BAS for members not already receiving BAS. The action to extend this authorization to every military service enlisted member on JBSA is in accordance with DoD FMR vol 7A Ch25 and to ensure the policy is applied uniformly for all enlisted members under similar conditions permanently assigned to the installation.

I have included the letter from OSD and HAF/A1 delegating this authority to each Air Force installation commander. This memo is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Thank you for your continued support.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Approval for Basic Allowance for Subsistence and Meals At No Cost Due to Unique
and Unusual Circumstances Related To Coronavirus Disease 2019

References: (a) Presidential Proclamation 9994, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning
the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak," March 13, 2020
(b) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Travel Restrictions for DoD Components
in Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019," March 11, 2020
(c) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Stop Movement for all Domestic
Travel for DoD Components in Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019," March
13, 2020

In response to the continued spread of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the President and the Department of Defense have taken extraordinary measures. The President issued a proclamation declaring the spread of COVID-19 a national emergency (reference (a)), and the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense have imposed significant travel restrictions, imposed stop movement for military members, and restricted leave (references (b) and (c)). Secretary Esper has also stated the Department has three priorities in responding to COVID-19: protecting our troops, their families and our personnel; safeguarding our national security missions; and supporting the administration's whole-of-government approach to addressing this national health emergency.

Within this context, I find that the pandemic resulting from the spread of COVID-19 constitutes a unique and unusual circumstance under section 402(f) of title 37, United States Code. As result of this finding and as an exception to policy (Department of Defense Directive 1418.05, "*Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Policy*" of April 23, 2007), members of the armed forces (both officer and enlisted), who are not entitled to the meals portion of a per diem and who, in response to the spread of COVID-19, are restricted in their movements—for self-monitoring, to protect the health of our personnel and their families, or to assure essential mission function capability— and, as a result of such restriction of movements, are housed in Government quarters (unaccompanied or leased) and subsisted through Government-provided meals (from a Government/appropriated fund dining facility or a Government-contracted vendor), may be authorized by the Secretary concerned (to be delegated no lower than to commanders of installations, bases, stations, or ships), to receive those Government-provided meals without charge and also receive BAS at the applicable standard monthly rate without automatic deduction. This memo is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded.

My point of contact is Commander Russ Mayer.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MAJCOM-FOA-DRU/CC
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FROM: AF/A1

SUBJECT: Delegation of Approval for Basic Allowance for Subsistence and Meals at No Cost
Due to Unique and Unusual Circumstances Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019

- References:
- (a) Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) memorandum, Subject: Approval for Basic Allowance for Subsistence and Meals At No Cost Due to Unique and Unusual Circumstances Related To Coronavirus Disease 2019, dated 27 March 2020
 - (b) Headquarters Air Force Mission Directive 1-24, *Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)*, 28 January 2019 and its Addendum A, dated 27 June 2018
 - (c) Department of Defense Directive 1418.05, "*Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Policy*" of April 23, 2007
 - (d) Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Chapter 25

This memorandum is issued pursuant to References (a) and (b) relating to subsistence pay.

Based on my authority to act on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force for matters involving subsistence pay and with reference to Department of Defense Directive 1418.05, "*Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Policy*" of April 23, 2007, I hereby delegate to Air Force installation commanders the authority to authorize Airmen under the described conditions to receive Government-provided meals without charge and also receive BAS at the applicable standard monthly rate without automatic deduction. This authority may not be re-delegated. Eligibility is limited to any uniformed Airman who is not entitled to the meals portion of a per diem and who, in response to the spread of COVID-19, is restricted in his or her movements—for self-monitoring, to protect the health of our personnel and their families, or to assure essential mission function capability—and, as a result of such restriction of movements, is housed in Government quarters (unaccompanied or leased, and including missile alert facilities) and subsisted through Government-provided meals (from a Government/appropriated fund dining facility or a Government-contracted vendor).

The authority to take this action extends to ensuring the uniform application for members under similar conditions, whether from a single Service or more than one Service as described in

Reference (d). This does not include authority to initiate BAS for members not already receiving BAS.

My point of contact for this action is Colonel Brian A. Anderson, AF/A1PA.

//Signed//

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DCS, Manpower, Personnel, and Services

Attachment:
Reference (a)

cc: AFPC/CC