

AFSVC eNewsletter – February

Potential Baby Food Concerns for Child Development Centers (CDC) and Family Child Care (FCC)

The DoD Non-COVID Food Protection Working Group will provide formal guidance on the Oversight House Committee Report on Heavy Metals in Baby Food in the near future. DAF/A1SOC has provided the following interim guidance:

- On Feb. 4, the Congressional Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy published a report indicating several major label baby foods contain dangerous levels of inorganic arsenic, lead, cadmium, and mercury. This report has generated understandable concern among parents of infants and small children.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics expound that although exposure to heavy metals should be minimized, the low levels found in commercially manufactured baby foods are likely a relatively small part of the child's overall heavy metal risk. These metals are commonly found in the environment and can enter many food items via growing or manufacturing processes. Additionally, exposure can occur through old water pipes, paint chips, cosmetics, spices, and secondhand smoke from regular and e-cigarettes.

At this point in time, CDCs and FCCs will continue to provide baby food; however, parents still have the choice on which baby food(s) we provide their child. Parents should update their type of baby foods served to their child as applicable. NOTE: Programs should not make their own baby food as there is no guarantee homemade baby food has less metals in it.

Parents are not permitted to bring in their own baby food into the CDC program without a waiver on file. In accordance with AFI 34-144, *Child and Youth Programs*, 8.1.5.3, any other food requests, beverages, or supplemental items from home are not permitted. NOTE: Any parent requesting a waiver to this paragraph must submit an AF Form 679, *Air Force Publication Compliance Item Waiver Request/Approval*, which requires MAJCOM/CC approval/disapproval.

Food 2.0 Feat at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL)

Dining facility personnel at JBMDL prepared up to 600 healthy restriction of movement (ROM) meals per day over a five-day period, two to three times per month. ROM meals support incoming and outgoing deploying personnel. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals are provided; the lunch and dinner meals consist of 5 protein and 2 vegetarian options.

In addition to the protein and vegetarian options, four supplements are available to include beverages, whole fruit, and healthy snack items such as hummus snack packs, carrot/celery sticks, and Nutri-Grain bars. Meals are picked up from the Dining Facility by JBMDL personnel & delivered to ROM personnel located in the isolated areas.



1st Lt Michelle Spires Wins Air Force Invitational Meet

1st Lt. Michelle Spires won the high jump at the Air Force Invitational held at the U.S. Air Force Academy with a clearance height of 6 feet. This showing resulted in her receiving an invitation to the prestigious American League Track Meet in Fayetteville, Arkansas, which included recent Olympic and world champions. She placed third with a height of 6½ feet.



2nd Lt. Michael Rhoades Wins Iowa Classic Meet

2nd Lt. Michael Rhoades won the 800-meter competition with a time of 1:47.97 at the Iowa Classic Meet held in Ames, Iowa. This was his first competition since the beginning of the pandemic. Rhoades is a recent USAFA graduate who also won both the indoor & outdoor 800-meter Mountain West titles.



Air Force Marathon/Air and Space Challenge

The Air Force Marathon will be held Sept. 16-20 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Air and Space Challenge registration began Feb. 15 and ends June 3 via Application Tracking System (APPTRAC). Full- and half-marathon signups are available, and Air Force members can apply on APPTRAC under their MAJCOM. Space Guardians and Airmen assigned to USSF can apply under USSF. Interested athletes click ([here](#)) to register and apply.

Air Force Fitness Management System (AFFMS) Update:

AFFMS II is intermittent worldwide due to the system migrating to the cloud, and some applications within AFFMS II might not be available at different times. This includes granting access, losing access, and assigning PASCODES. Members should continue to attempt accessing the system to process requests. The programmers are diligently working to restore full functionality.