

FSMAO CLARIFICATION NOTICE 4-99

Direct Payment to Vendor for Contracted Meals from Commercial Sources During Reserve Training or Exercises: In the event the Reserve component commander and the vendor have mutually agreed that the contracted number of meals have been provided, and there are additional meals left over, those meals can be purchased directly from the vendor. The following guidance is provided to preclude dual payment to the vendor:

a. Selected Marine Corps Reserve (SMCR) enlisted personnel will receive their full portion as first stated in the contract.

b. Contracted meals available for consumption which are excess to the requirements of SMCR enlisted personnel and within the scope of the contract may be purchased by Inspector-Instructor (I-I) Staff members and SMCR officers. Payment from I-I members is made to the messhall cashier. Payment from SMCR officers may be made to the messhall cashier or by forwarding a completed NAVMC 11200 (Reserve Miscellaneous Military Pay Order) to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at Kansas City for payment deduction.

c. Excess meals available for consumption may be purchased from the vendor. This situation is no different than a Marine traveling off-site to a local establishment to obtain a meal. The Marine will pay the vendor the contracted meal price.

Reference: OIC, FSMAO-1 letter 4400 U87 of 3 June 1999.