



COMBAT FEEDING DIRECTORATE (CFD) | NSRDEC

The Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD) executes the DoD Combat Feeding Research and Engineering Program (CFREP), a joint service program responsible for meeting the unique combat feeding requirements of each military service. This includes all efforts — research, development, integration, testing and engineering for combat rations, field food service equipment and complete combat feeding systems. The CFD is responsible for management and execution of all science and technology programs, advanced development, and fielding for Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force field food service equipment as well as combat rations for all four Services. The CFREP includes a partnership between the Natick Soldier RD&E Center's CFD and Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems (PM FSS). The PM effectively manages advanced and full-scale development for Army managed food service equipment.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

The food industry has little profit incentive to conduct R&D aimed at meeting the specific requirements of military operations. To create new capabilities for the Warfighter, there needs to be continual technological breakthroughs in food, food packaging and food service equipment — and this will not occur without the research and focused leveraging of the CFD.

THE TEAMS:

Eight multidisciplinary, highly integrated teams develop revolutionary combat feeding technologies for our Warfighters:

- Food Protection and Innovative Packaging
- Food Engineering and Analysis
- Performance Nutrition
- Food Service Equipment Team - Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems Food Service Equipment Team (PM FSS FSET)
- Equipment and Energy Technology
- Joint Foodservice and Engineering Team: Joint Foodservice and Engineering Team
- Ration Support and Sensory Analysis
- Combat Rations

Teams are comprised of scientists and engineers with a broad range of technical disciplines. The Combat Feeding Research & Engineering Board oversees all CFD activities.

KEY FEATURES:

Leading Edge Technologies...By actively leveraging industry, academia, and other government agencies, CFD provides a one-stop shop involving total life cycle efforts, including engineering innovative products now in use around the world.

Customer Focus...We are a highly customer-driven organization, tailored to meet the needs of the 21ST century Warfighter. Our products are Warfighter Recommended, Warfighter Tested, Warfighter Approved™.

Affordable Solutions...Our Integrated Product Teams consistently meet schedule and performance.

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