Dining Facility Meeting Minutes
1 March 2022

Susan Orr, John Cunningham, Master Chief Bradshaw, Art Jones, Doris Denton, Bob Smyth, Art VanSickle and Jeff Eads attended.

Comments from Committee Members:

Mr. Cunningham reported that the broken drains on the juice machines had been replaced and they had been in contact with the supplier to repair the dispensers. The second grill should be delivered in May. He is also reviewing other equipment needs so that he may develop a budget to support future repairs or replacement if needed. Some modifications have been made to the ice cream freezer the slides have been lubricated with a food grade lubricant and a handle has been placed on the left slide to make it easier to open.

Chicken with rice soup had so much garlic it was nearly inedible. Susan will review the preparation with the kitchen staff. Doris Denton provided a list of items that were complimentary for the most part. Residents liked the thick pork chops. Need large bowls for salads and items like nachos; the large bowl request is under review. Susan said that she would get the egg or ham salad into the menu rotation.

Residents Comments or Concerns:

The whole cut carrots were used for the cinnamon carrots as requested. Fried chicken was prepared well and not overdone as it had been recently. Country fried steak - some were very thin, mainly breading. Please ask for another thicker one. Remember if you are not satisfied with something you can always ask for a different piece. The bacon bits have been left out of the mixed salads as requested at our last meeting. Can we have some crunchy (chow mein) noodles on the oriental meal nights? One resident wants to know what happened to the radishes? Could we have more onions cooked when serving liver? There aren’t any left unless you’re first. (One grill issue) Thank you for improving the wait time in ATM. Residents thanked Susan for the Black Cherry Yogurt. They are also enjoying the Hoagie rolls at the evening meal.

The lasagna was great! Glad to see the Belgian waffles back! The cinnamon rolls are wonderful! Again there were many compliments expressed for all of the holiday meals and birthday meals. Both the food and service were excellent! Thank you to all of the staff.

Additional items

Recently there have been some supply issues as there have been all across the U.S. Dining management works diligently to get the necessary items from our supplier. Sometimes you are going to see a different item served as a result. We would ask that if an item such as milk has
been limited or unavailable periodically that residents only take two at any meal. Taking more because you’re afraid they will run out leaves none for other residents. We are all in this together and should have a share of what’s available.

Boxes of gloves have been placed on the shelf above the Salad Bar and Salad, Fruit and Soup Bars. Please use them to get your food to assist in sanitation.

We have arranged for the minutes to be added to the AFRH website under the Residents link.

Art Jones thanked me for my two years as committee chair and I will welcome Bob Smyth as chair at the next RAC meeting.

Patrick Smith
RAC Dining Committee Chair

CC: Jeffrey Eads, Chris Alexander, Lisa Hall, John Cunningham, Art Jones & Master Chief Bradshaw