

FEEDING SOLDIERS OF UFL

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As Ulchi Focus Lens 2001 participants assemble at Camp Walker, the 19th Theatre Support Command Dining Facility staff stands ready.

Although the dining facility staff is not part of the actual exercise, they support it by serving 400 to 500 additional meals per day during this period.

“In normal time, we feed 250 soldiers. But right now we’ve got quite an increase. There are about two hundred more people,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Thistlewood, Manager of the 19th TSC Dining Facility.

Trying to be creative to every palate can be a daunting task to most, but not to this dining staff. According to Thistlewood, most of the diners they’ve spoken with just like a variety of different foods. They would like to try to do a mix of different cultures and have different foods at the same time.

“The biggest difficulty in preparing the meals is to have everything ready at the same time. We try to get the hottest food on the line,” said Thistlewood.

All kinds of foods are cooked at same time, keeping it as fresh as they can, according to Thistlewood.

During the UFL, they have extended operation hours Monday through Sunday; breakfast from 4 to 8:30 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

“I think food service personnel are trying as hard as they can, and I appreciate the work that they are doing,” said Thistlewood.