



Operation Feeding Freedom

The launch of OSI's successful 'Operation Feeding Freedom' began with sending a team of 15 Outbackers to Afghanistan to feed American troops in June 2002. Since that trip, over 100 additional members of the OSI team (represented by Outback Steakhouse and Carrabba's Italian Grill) have made another 5 trips serving both US and Coalition troops from Djibouti to Afghanistan to Iraq and on the USS Nimitz in Bahrain. Overall, 100,000 troops have been served full, vintage Outback and Carrabba's meals at numerous forward combat locations.

Operation Feeding Freedom – 5,000 meals

In June 02, 15 Outbackers served over 5,000 meals at Kandahar AB, Afghanistan.

The team and food products met at Dover AFB and flew by military aircraft with enroute stops at Ramstein AB, GE and Rhein Main AB GE.

This inaugural event was an overwhelming success

Operation Feeding Freedom II -13,000 meals

In January 03, 15 Outbackers again traveled to Kandahar AB and Bagram AB in Afghanistan.

The majority of the food was transported by sea with some last minute items air lifted

The team met at BWI, flew military commercial air to Al Udeid, Qatar, then C-130 military plane into and around Afghanistan

The entire event was once again an overwhelming success

Operation Feeding Freedom III - 21,000 meals served

In January 04, 20 Outbackers traveled to Iraq to serve at Balad, Al Asad, Baqubah, & Mosul

The majority of the food was transported by sea with semi perishables airlifted at the last minute. The team met at Charleston AB and flew Mil Air to Balad. A combination of helicopter and C-130 airlift moved the team around the Theater.

Overall, 21,000 Service Members were fed in 10 days.

‘Operation Feeding Freedom’ (Cont.)

Operation Feeding Freedom IV - 15,000 meals served

In September 06, 20 members of Outback and Carrabbas boarded the USS Nimitz and served the entire crew before traveling to feed Bahrain Naval station and CJTF-HOA at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti.

The food was transported by sea with semi perishables airlifted later. The team flew passenger aircraft to Djibouti.

15,000 Service Members were fed an “Outback/ Carrabba’s style meal.”

Operation Feeding Freedom V - 20,000 meals

In June 07, 22 Outbackers and Carrabbamicos volunteered for the 5th mission of Feeding our Troops.

Arriving in Kuwait, the OSI Team proudly feed 5,200 troops at Camp Buehring in Kuwait before heading to Afghanistan where they served approximately 2,700 troops.

The last leg took them into Iraq where they served our Marines at Al Asad and traveled to 3 outlying bases over a long 12 hour day – altogether serving over 10,000 troops.

All were very happy to say it was a trip of lifetime as well as a morale boost for our Outbackers and one great memory.

Operation Feeding Freedom VI – 18,000 meals

In September 08, 18 Outbackers and Carrabbamicos traveled back to the combat theater to serve our United States and coalition troops. Over a two week period, the OSI team fed troops stationed in Ali Al Salem, Kuwait; NAS, Bahrain; Al Udeid, Qatar; and Al Dhafra, UAE..

Bringing a taste of home, the team served signature dishes such as Bloomin’ Onions, Cavatappi Amatriciana and for dessert the Chocolate Chocolate Tower and Amaretto Swirl Cheesecake. Also served was calamari, baked potatoes, boule bread with herbs and olive oil, chargrilled strip steak and mushroom ravioli.

The Feeding Freedom VI team served approximately 18,000 service men and women.

Operation Feeding Freedom VII- Turkey and Afghanistan - 15 to 18,000 meals

This fall we will return to Afghanistan for our third time and Turkey will be our first visit.

Outback, Carrabba’s, Fleming’s, Bonefish and Roy’s food will be featured. This trip will also include entertainment (band yet to be named).

Volunteers- Outbackers, Carrabbamicos, Associates, Anglers, Ohana members, Home Office, and vendors for a total of 21.

This trip will also mark a milestone of over 135 OSI volunteers who have gone overseas to feed the troops, and it adds to our growing total of our over 115,000 Men and Women of the armed forces who have had a “taste of home”.



