

**PHILIP A. CONNELLY COMPETITION-2008**  
**JOHNSON FOOD SERVICES, LLC**  
**FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

In an unprecedented honor, the 2/39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Dining Facility representing Fort Jackson and Johnson Food Services, LLC in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeastern Regional (SERO) Commanding Generals', ***Best Dining Facility***, Philip A Connelly Competition was chosen as the "Winner-Large Category" for 2008.

According to the SERO mission statement the purpose of the Philip A. Connelly Awards Program is to, "Recognize excellence in the Army's Food Service Operation in both garrison and field environments. The criteria used for evaluation are sanitation, organization, food preparation, service skills, personnel appearance and hygiene. This recognition is to promote food service support and increase awareness of the quality of food service provided to soldiers". The 2/39<sup>th</sup> received the honor of representing Fort Jackson in the competition by scoring the most points during the Postwide Best Mess Awards which are held on a quarterly basis at Fort Jackson.

Ms. Barbara Johnson, Manager of the 2/39<sup>th</sup> Regimental DFAC noted that, "We keep a high level of food programming as our standard to ensure we maintain good service and are able to compete in programs like this. It is truly an honor to be chosen by SERO to represent Fort Jackson and Johnson Food Services in the Worldwide, Department of the Army level competition."

Mr. Donald Johnson, President of Johnson Food Services, LLC stated that; "I can provide encouragement and support for Ms. Barbara Johnson and her Staff, but the real work of feeding the Soldiers falls on their shoulders. I am so very proud of the accomplishments of the 2/39<sup>th</sup> DFAC Management and Staff!!!" Johnson Food Services, LLC as an equal employment opportunity employer provides jobs for more than 1,500 workers in Columbia and surrounding environs.

The Department of the Army Evaluators will be visiting Fort Jackson on Tuesday, 28 October 08 for the 2/39<sup>th</sup> Regimental Dining Facilities' final inspection in the 2008 Worldwide Phillip A. Connelly Competition.

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