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MEMORANDUM FOR DoD Religious Affairs Personnel

SUBJECT: Ordering spring seasonal religious items for FY 17

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) offers several seasonal religious items to enable the free exercise of religion within the DoD. The following items are available for FY 17 with associated dates to order and POC information.

Passover information: Passover begins at sundown Monday, April 10th 2017 & continues until sundown Tuesday, April 18th 2017.

Kosher for Passover MRE information:

Projected numbers of Kosher for Passover MREs must be received NLT: Tuesday, December 20th 2017 for OCONUS and CONUS orders. Your food service officers have already received this information earlier. Ensure you are advising them as to the correct requirements.

Email Subsistence POC at: <u>Joseph.Zanolle@dla.mil</u> He will provide you with ordering information for Kosher for Passover MREs. Any orders submitted for Kosher for Passover MREs after above dates will be filled only if item(s) are still available. No delivery guaranteed with late orders. Vendor typically ships 30 to 40 days before holiday, OCONUS first then CONUS.

*During the Passover observance most Jewish personnel are required to consume foods certified "Kosher for Passover".

 MRE Kosher for Passover NSN 8970-01-524-8003 \$218.61 per a case. Kosher for Passover MREs contain 12 meals per case. Each person observing requires two cases of Kosher for Passover MREs. All food items pertaining to these NSNs are certified "Kosher for Passover"

Passover ordering dates are necessary since these items are manufactured once a year. The food industry shuts down their plant so they can start producing Kosher for Passover items. Everything must be cleaned prior to production, while a Rabbi who's certified to stamp their name on the end product watches over the entire process. The Rabbi witnesses the cleaning of the machinery to the end product packaging.

Orders for Seder kits must be received NLT: Tuesday February, 28th 2017 (OCONUS) Friday March, 3rd 2017 (CONUS)

Email Religious Supply POC: <u>Christopher.Gaudio@dla.mil</u> he will provide you with ordering information for Seder Kit(s) All Seder kits will start shipping between 15th-20th March, 2017.

1. Seder, Leaders Kit (Rabbi or lay leader) NSN 9925-01-526-3373 \$158.85 per kit.

This Seder kit contains 1st meal along with non-consumable items to perform Passover observance. Order 1 kit for the leader of the observance group.

2. Seder, Participant Kit NSN 9925-01-526-3364 \$84.72 per kit. Each kit contains various items to perform Passover observance. Order one kit for each participant of the observance.

Kosher wine information:

Each case of wine listed contains 11 % alc. by vol; 750 ml bottles; sold only in dozens. Certified Kosher for Passover when applicable. All Kosher for Passover wine orders must be submitted by Tuesday February 28th 2017 (OCONUS) and Friday March 10th 2017 (CONUS) for delivery in time for Passover. Any order after these dates will be reviewed to determine if it can be filled with Kosher for Passover wine.

*All Overseas wine shipments must go through the consolidation point due to Federal Regulations.

Email Religious Supply POC: <u>Christopher.Gaudio@dla.mil</u> he will provide you with ordering information for kosher wine.

- 1. Wine, Kosher, Blush NSN 9925-01-465-9385 \$73.87 per dozen
- 2. Wine, Kosher, Concord NSN 9925-01-465-9365 \$73.89 per dozen
- 3. Wine, Kosher, Red NSN 9925-01-465-9388 \$73.87 per dozen
- 4. Wine, Kosher, White NSN 9925-01-465-9390 \$74.05 per dozen

Palm information:

Clean Monday Great Lent begins February 27, 2017 (Christian Orthodox) Orthodox Palm Sunday is April 16, 2017

Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017 (Christian) Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

*Orthodox Palm Sunday and Palm Sunday are 1 week apart from each other this year (2017).

All orders for palms must be received NLT: Monday, February 27^{th} 2017. Palms will start shipping one month prior to Palm Sunday.

Email Religious Supply POC: <u>Christopher.Gaudio@dla.mil</u> he will provide you with ordering information for palms, including any customs paperwork needed for the shipment.

- 1. Ashes, Palm NSN 9925-01-459-8149 \$7.34 per oz. (1 oz., enough for 250 people)
- 2. Palm Leaves, Double, Strip NSN 9925-01-459-8041 \$20.07 per 100 24"-42" long; sold by the hundred; ordering time for this item is October until 1 month prior to Palm Sunday.

- 3. Palm Leaves, Fan NSN 9925-01-459-8155 \$23.35 per bag packed 4 per bag; 24"-36"; ordering time for this item is October until 1 month prior to Palm Sunday.
- 4. Orthodox Palm Leaves, Double Strip NSN 9925-01-530-1543 \$24.41 per 100 24"-42" long; sold by the hundred; ordering time for this item is October until 1 month prior to Orthodox Palm Sunday.
- 5. Orthodox Leaves, Fan NSN 9925-01-530-0609 \$23.35 per bag packed 4 per bag; 24"-36"; ordering time for this item is October until 1 month prior to Orthodox Palm Sunday.

Important! When placing your orders please provide a valid Point of Contact, a physical address (FPO/APO addresses will not be accepted) and a valid commercial phone number. If you're an OCONUS customer, please make sure your Customs paperwork is filled out prior to your shipments arrival in theater.

In the interest of better service, if you plan on ordering any religious supply items please contact Christopher.Gaudio@dla.mil.

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