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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COMMANDERS

FROM: HQ USAF/HC
112 Luke Ave, Ste 319
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SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation of Airmen

Thank you for your continued support of Airmen who request religious accommodation. Airmen who are allowed to practice their First Amendment rights to freedom of religion are generally more spiritually fit and better able to handle the rigors and stressors that come with deployments and a high OPSTEMPO.


Christians will observe Lent, a time of reflection and preparation, from 17 February through 3 April, and Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, on 4 April.

Muslims will observe Eid Al-Mawlid, the birth of the Prophet Muhammad, on 26 February and 3 March.

Jews will observe Purim, the celebration of the salvation of Persian Jews from extermination, 27 February through 1 March, and Passover, a celebration of escape from enslavement in Egypt, 30 March through 5 April.

Wiccans and other followers of Earth-based religions will observe Ostara, the spring equinox, on 21 March followed by Beltane, a celebration of the abundance of the fertile Earth, on 1 May.

The Air Force Chaplain Corps stands ready to assist and advise you as needed. If you have questions, please contact your local chaplains or my point of contact, Chaplain, Colonel Jerry Pitts at DSN 297-1477 or HCXreachback@pentagon.af.mil.


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