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Observance of Religious Holy Days

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Policy Consistent with the exigencies of the service, commanding officers are encouraged to give favorable consideration of applications for leave from those who may desire to observe significant holy days of their faith with their families. This is particularly important where appropriate services are unavailable in the local areas.

Example of Holy Days Examples of days of religious obligation are the Festival of Passover, High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur for individuals of the Jewish faith; Ramadan and 'Idul-Adha for individuals of the Moslem faith; and Easter for individuals of the Orthodox faith.

For Assistance Chaplains are available to render assistance and advise.

