

Religious Supply Newsletter

Defense Logistics Agency, Office of the Chaplain

DLA Chaplain's Message

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Greetings from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Chaplain's Office. I am Chaplain Bob Wichman, the DLA Command Chaplain. At DLA Headquarters, I work with an outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer, Sergeant First Class Apollo Stoewer and DLA Public Affairs; our Team at DLA Troop Support: Paul Diak, Chris Gaudio and Christine McCann from Clothing & Textiles Directorate and Harry Streibich and Joe Zanolle from Operational Rations. Our goal is to provide world-class support across the services and the "Whole of Government," by delivering ecclesiastical supplies and religious meals supporting regulatory and statutory religious requirements. The DLA Chaplain Newsletter is designed to help you in your mission through the following:



Chaplain (Colonel) Bob Wichman

1. **Advanced Planning.** We will remind you of upcoming religious events. We will inform you of the lead time for delivery required for you to be successful. We will request your feedback to improve the planning process.
2. **Featured Items.** We will provide featured ecclesiastical items available at DLA. We will provide timely suggestions of religious support items and religious meals to support your mission.
3. **Customer Service.** Buying from DLA supports legal purchases and auditability. We have trained professionals and provide training to guide you through the process of purchasing from DLA, at home and abroad.

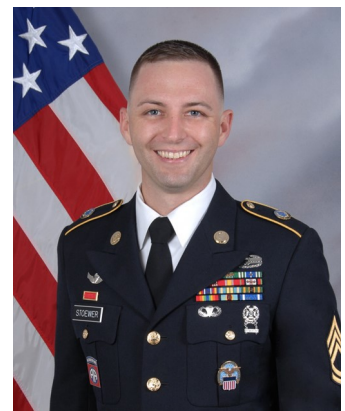
Visit our website at: <https://www.dla.mil/HQ/Chaplain/Business/> to explore our catalogue and learn more about ordering from DLA. All of our DLA team members and I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Chaplain (Colonel) Bob Wichman

Logistics is Readiness

The buzz word is readiness, but what does that mean for Religious Support Teams (RSTs)? Physical readiness and taking care of yourself and family should always be the top priority. From it flows your ability to accomplish all other missions. After getting on a workout schedule and prioritizing family events when you are able, each RST must decide what to work on next.



*Sergeant First Class
Apollo Stoewer*

After multiple deployments and field exercises, I discovered logistics was important for my commander and for my section. The first product I was asked to contribute to the deployment standard operating procedures (SOP) was a list of supplies my team needed to be successful while deployed. The first time I was asked this, I had no idea what to bring. I had not been told about the Chaplain's Kit, consumables or what a National Stock Number (NSN) was. But this is not the case anymore; <https://www.dla.mil/Chaplain> is a one-stop shop for everything you need to build out your deployment kit with government-approved items that do not require bids and support federal programs that promote sustainability, small- and female-owned businesses, and Historically Underutilized Business Zone that bring jobs to areas with high unemployment. We have a customer support team dedicated to sustaining ecclesiastical supplies.

-SFC Apollo Stoewer

Upcoming Religious Holidays and DLA Solutions

DLA provides the highest quality items at the best price while meeting all federal regulations. To be good stewards of taxpayer money, DLA works with United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) to find the best way to ship supplies around the world. Perishable items like the Four Species and Palm Leaves shipments are expedited, but other items are shipped with standard priority. Standard shipping for most items is 30 days for CONUS, 90 days for OCONUS. Consider funding cycles in your planning for purchasing upcoming holiday items. See below for some recommendations:

Rosh Hashanah

Begins sunset of Sunday, September 29, 2019, ends nightfall of Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Religious Support Items:

Ram horn (Shofar), NSN 9925-01-466-1507

Kosher wine - see catalog p.104 for options

Yom Kippur

Begins sunset, Tuesday, October 8, 2019; ends nightfall of Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Religious Support Items:

Ram horn (Shofar), NSN 9925-01-466-1507

Kosher wine - see catalog p. 104 for options

Sukkot

Begins sunset, Sunday, October 13, 2019; ends nightfall, Sunday, October 20, 2019

Religious Support Items:

Four species (Palm Branch, Willow, Myrtle and Citron Set) NSN 9925-01-488-9309

Sukkah Booth, NSN 9925-01-532-0686

Large, NSN 9925-01-532-0688

Kosher wine - see catalog p. 104 for options

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Hanukkah

Begins sunset, December 22, 2019; ends nightfall, December 30, 2019

Religious Support Items:

Heritage menorah, brass, 7.25 x 10 inches, NSN 9925-01-465-9311

Wax Remover, NSN 9925-01-460-0227

Kosher wine - see catalog p. 104 for options

Advent

Begins Sunday, December 1, 2019; ends Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Religious Support Items:

Advent Wreath - see catalog pp. 28-30 for options

Paraffin - see catalog pp. 35-36 for options

Communion Supplies - see catalog pp. 63-67 for options

Christmas Eve/Christmas

Tuesday, December 24, 2019; ends Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Religious Support Items:

Candles, Congregation, 100 each, NSN 9925-01-473-4087

Paraffin - see catalog pp. 35-36 for options

Communion Supplies - see catalog pp. 63-67 for options

DLA Customer Support

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Welcome to our VA Partners

It is with joy that we welcome our Veterans Affairs (VA) chaplains and chapel teams. VA healthcare facilities have chosen to partner with the Defense Logistics Agency on pharmaceuticals and other hospital supplies, saving the Defense Health Service money and manpower. In like manner, the DLA Ecclesiastical Support Division is here to serve you by providing best value religious support items to include religious meals in support of Jewish and Islamic VA patients. Allow us to provide the contracting services, no-cost shipping and customer support, freeing you to focus on providing world-class religious support to your VA beneficiaries.