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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Separate Rations (BAS) based on Religious Dietary Requirements

1. References.

A. Department of Defense Instruction Number 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services, January 22, 2014

B. Army Regulation 165-1, Army Chaplain Corps Activities, 23 June 2015

C. Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014

2. DODI 1300.17, Accommodations of Religious Practices Within the Military Services, provides guidance for service members and their commanders in regard to religious accommodation. Within DODI 1300.17 4.a. it states, "The DOD places a high value on the rights of members of the Military Services to observe the tenets of their respective religions." Furthermore 4.e stipulates, "Requests for religious accommodations will be resolved in a timely manner and will be approved when accommodation would not adversely affect mission accomplishment..."

3. Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) service members adhere to *quasi-kosher* religious dietary restrictions. In SDA, forbidden food items include pork and all its products; crustaceans, shellfish, and other similar "bottom feeders"; birds of prey; dead meat; consuming blood; and any food contaminated with any of these products. This also includes using the same utensils used to prepare or serve the afore mentioned forbidden food without being properly cleansed.

4. Based upon religious convictions and SDA dietary practices, SGT Anne Saintlouis, is requesting Basic Allowance for Sustenance (BAS) to meet dietary food preparation needs since the dining facility is unable to do so. I recommend this accommodation be afforded this Soldier in support of religious accommodation in accordance with DODI 1300.17. This recommendation includes any necessary per diem, in whole or in part, to support the Soldier while on mission and while the dining facility is unable to prepare meals in accordance with SDA dietary practices.

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5. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at +49 1515-297-4351, [andrew.e.calvert.mil@mail.mil](mailto:andrew.e.calvert.mil@mail.mil).



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