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Kosher MREs offer soldiers edible alternatives

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Multi-faith, or Kosher, Meals-Ready-to-Eat are available for issue to Fort Hood soldiers through the Troop Issue Subsistence Activities.

The multi-faith MREs will be available through normal distribution channels in October 1995.

In the interim, Multi-faith MREs will be issued to all requesting units, said Joseph A. Kitnurse, Troop Issue Subsistence officer.

"Right now, we're not able

to order them through normal distribution channels, but we can special order them," he said. "They are available to units just like regular MREs. Units just need to let the facility know what they require in advance of any field problem or training exercise."

The special order requires a DA Form 3161 be filled out and taken to TISA at least three to four weeks before the MREs are needed.

Once the units receive the MREs from the TISA, they will be responsible for ensuring the meals reach those

soldiers who require kosher or vegetarian support, he said.

These meals are to be used in the same manner as an MRE.

The MRE can be issued to and consumed by anyone. Because of the limited quantities for these meals, they should be reserved for individuals with special religious/dietary needs.

Kosher meals have a six to 12 month shelf life and must be ordered in case lots, which consist of 12 meals per case.

The 12 different meals and their national stock numbers are as follows:

- Chicken, noodles and vegetables in sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6671
- Chicken, vegetable, potatoes and beans in sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6675
- Chicken with beans, vegetables and potatoes, NSN 31-397-6673
- Beef, vegetables, potatoes and beans in sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6674
- Beef with brown rice, vegetable and beans, NSN 8940-01-397-6677

• Cheese tortellini with beans in tomato sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-7169

• Lasagna, noodles with cheese, vegetables and beans in tomato sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6676

• Vegetarian with potatoes, beans and nuts, NSN 8940-01-397-6678

• Pasta and vegetables in tomato sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6679

• Chicken, vegetables and potatoes in sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6669

• Chicken, brown rice and vegetables in sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6672

• Cheese tortellini in tomato sauce, NSN 8940-01-397-6670

The components of the accessory pack are certified and marked as kosher. All are parve, which means no dairy or meat ingredients are used.

"A listing of the meals and what each of them contains will be provided to brigade food service advisors at the next menu board meeting scheduled for July 25," Kitnurse said.

Copies of the listings are also available at the TISA office, located in Building 89010.