

Unit 5: Holidays and Observances

Objectives

At the end of this unit, you will

Be aware of the following

- Impact of holidays on tactical operations
- Solar/lunar calendar differences
- Common Era abbreviations
- Muslim calendar distinctions
- Jewish calendar distinctions
- Two high holy days of Judaism
- Passover's importance for Jewish faithful
- Eastern Orthodox Christian calendar distinctions
- Four important Muslim holidays
- Importance of Friday as the day of Muslim communal prayers
- For Orthodox Eastern Christians, the Easter season is the focus of church year celebration
- Festivals and home celebrations for Jewish, Russian Orthodox and Muslim peoples

Identify

- Solar/lunar; Julian/Gregorian calendars
- Christmas, Easter, Epiphany
- C.E., B.C.E., A.H., Ramadan, muezzin
- Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Pesah
- Hijra, Ashura, Isaac
- Shia, Sunni, imam, zakat
- Lent, Pascha, Pentecost, Theotokos, chrismation
- Ash Wednesday, confirmation, Ascension
- Mawlid al-Nabiy, 'Id al-Fitr, Id al-Adha
- Epiphany