



Political Activity

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A picture is worth a thousand words



Running for President - 2020

Notable Candidates

- **Cory Booker** (D)
- **Pete Buttigieg** (D)
- **Julian Castro** (D)
- **John Delaney** (D)
- **Tulsi Gabbard** (D)
- **Kirsten Gillibrand** (D)
- **Kamala Harris** (D)
- **John Hickenlooper** (D)
- **Jay Inslee** (D)
- **Amy Klobuchar** (D)
- **Wayne Messam** (D)
- **Beto O'Rourke** (D)
- **Bernie Sanders** (I)
- **Donald Trump** (R)
- **Elizabeth Warren** (D)
- **Bill Weld** (R)
- **Marianne Williamson** (D)
- **Andrew Yang** (D)

Declared Candidates

As of March 25, 2019, there are **630** candidates who filed to run, including:

- **211** Democratic candidates
- **81** Republican candidates
- **20** Libertarian candidates
- **13** Green candidates

Political Activity

Political Activity is –

➤ An activity directed toward the success **or** failure of a:

- Political Party
- Candidate for Partisan Political Office,
or a
- Partisan Political Group

Who is covered by DoDI 1344.10?

- Primarily Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty
- Expands coverage for some provisions to include Service members not on Active Duty – even retirees
- Defines Active Duty to include full-time National Guard duty

Review 1344.10

Members on Active Duty should not engage in partisan political activity, and members not on active duty should avoid inferences that their political activities imply or appear to imply official sponsorship, approval, or endorsement.

DoDD 1344.10, para 4.

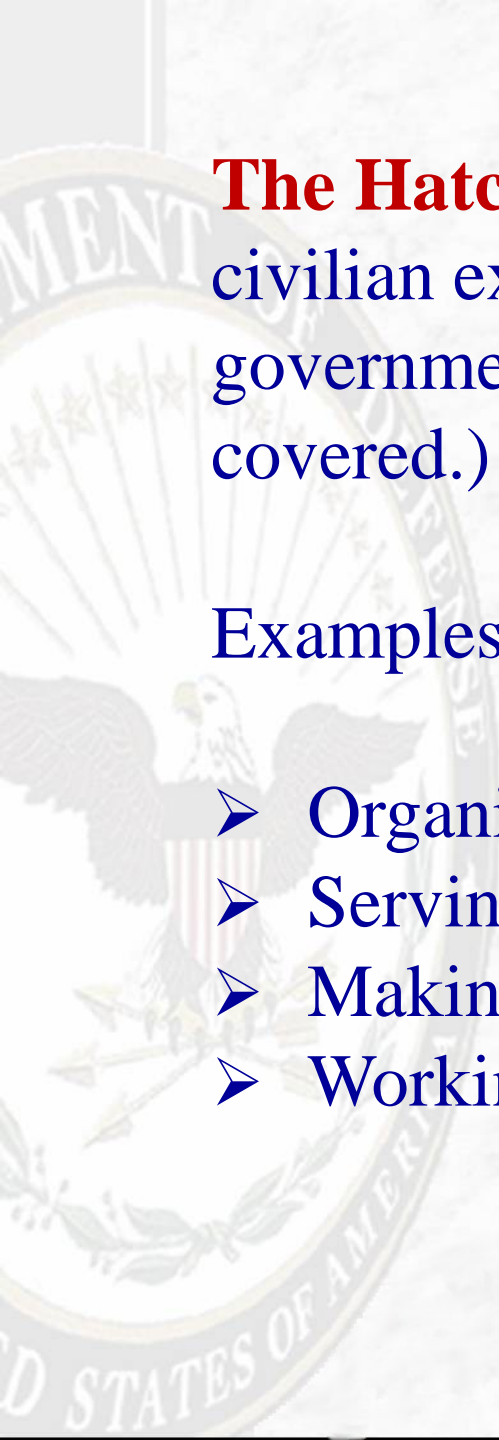
Members of the Armed Forces may not wear the uniform during or in connection with furthering political activity or when an inference of official sponsorship for the activity may be drawn.

DoDI 1334.01, para 3.1.2.

Review 1344.10

Activities not expressly prohibited may be contrary to the spirit and intent of this Directive (DoDD 1344.10). Any activity that may be reasonably viewed as directly or indirectly associating the Department of Defense or any component of these Departments with a partisan political activity or is otherwise contrary to the spirit and intention of this Directive shall be avoided.

DoDD 1344.10, para 4.1.5



The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of civilian executive branch employees of the federal government. (President and Vice President are not covered.)

Examples of political activity include:

- Organizing a campaign event
- Serving as an officer of a political party
- Making GOTV phone calls for a political party
- Working for a partisan candidate at the polls

Hatch Act Coverage for DoD Civilians

Hatch Act Restrictions

Further Restricted

Group 1

- PAS
- Non-career SES

Group 2

- Career SES
- Contract Appeals Board
- NSA
- DIA
- NGA

Less Restricted

Group 3

- DoD Civilian Employees
- Schedule C Appointments

Hatch Act

- Further restricted employees: may not take an active part in political management or political campaigns
- Less restricted employees: may take an active part in certain political activities

What is not political activity*?

Activity not associated with a political party:

- Legislation (Affordable Care Act, DACA)
- Ballot Initiatives focused on issue-oriented campaigns (gun control, medical marijuana, right to die)
- Candidacy in a nonpartisan election (no political party affiliations)
- Attending a march or rally (Women's March, March for Life, Science March)

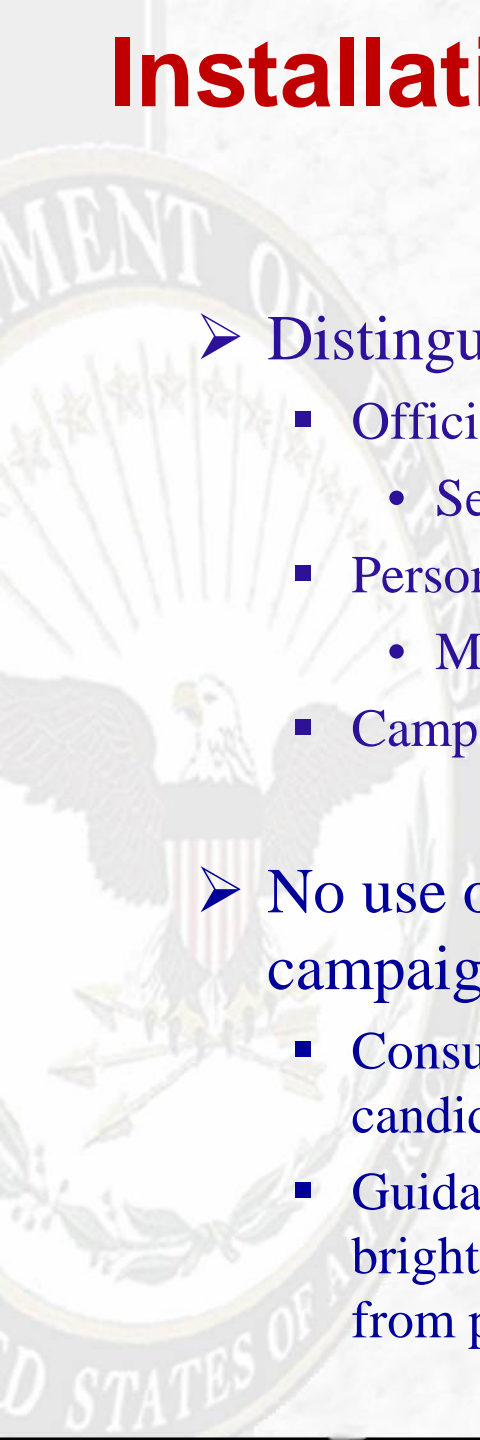
***for civilians**

Use of DoD Facilities and Resources

2018 Public Affairs Guidance

- Candidate for office may not engage in campaign or election related activities while on an installation.
- A political candidate may access an installation to conduct official business; however, no candidate running for office is permitted access for campaign or election purposes.

Installation Visits by Elected Officials and Candidates

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- Distinguish type of visit:
 - Official government visits = Yes
 - Senator participates in “Town Hall” on Military Family issues
 - Personal visit = Yes
 - MOC Reservist goes to fitness center
 - Campaign visit or event = No
 - No use of installation or facilities by candidates or for campaign activities
 - Consult PA Guidance on Installation Visits by elected officials and candidates
 - Guidance is intended to assist installation commanders by drawing bright and clear lines, insulate military members/federal employees from partisan politics

Mike Pence Makes Surprise Visit to Pentagon 9/11 Memorial

Spends about a half-hour at memorial after speaking in Washington



Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, the Republican vice presidential nominee, and his wife Karen made an unannounced visit to the September 11 Memorial at the Pentagon on Saturday. (David Hawkings/CQ Roll Call)

Decommissioned vessel



Criticized congressional public hearing aboard Norfolk aircraft carrier is now private

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NORFOLK

A congressional hearing slated for Monday aboard a Norfolk-based aircraft carrier at the request of U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes, who is seeking election in the 2nd Congressional District, has been changed to a private meeting, Forbes' office said Friday.

The public hearing, which was removed from the House Armed Services Committee's public calendar Friday, will instead be a private question-and-answer session with the same Navy officers who would have testified at the hearing and a group of U.S. House of Representatives members at Norfolk Naval Station. The change was made after the office of Defense Secretary Ashton Carter objected to a public hearing with news media coverage, Forbes' office said.

A Defense Department spokeswoman said calling off the public hearing was solely the choice of legislators after talking with Pentagon attorneys about how to "mitigate" criticism that Forbes' committee hearing was happening on a Navy base just before the June 14 GOP primary election in which Forbes is a candidate.

Service members in campaign materials



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Social Media Guidance for All Civilian Employees

May Not:

- Tweet, Retweet, Share or Like a post or content that solicits political contributions.
- Engage in political activity via social media while on duty or in the workplace (e.g., share, like, or retweet a post from a candidate or partisan group; or post/tweet a comment directed at the success or failure of a candidate or partisan group)

Social Media Guidance for All Employees

May Not:

- Like or Follow the social media page of a candidate or partisan group while on duty or in the workplace
 - Use a social media account in your official capacity to engage in political activity
- **But** including your official title or position on the profile of your personal social media page is okay

Political Activities - Military Members

- **DoD Directive 1344.10**, *Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces*, 19 Feb 08
- **2018 PAG**: *DoD Public Affairs Policy Guidance Concerning Political Campaigns and Elections*
- **DoD Instruction 1334.01**, “*Wearing of the Uniform*” (plus NAVPER 156651; MCO P1020.34G)
- **DoD/Service Election Year Guidance**
- **Service-specific Guidance on Use of DoD Facilities**

Political Activities - Civilian Employees

- **The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 7321-7326**
- **5 C.F.R. Parts 733 & 734**
- **ECC Deskbook – Political Activities**
- **Office of Special Counsel-Hatch Act Guidance on
Social Media, February 2018**