



# IG UPDATE



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## Active Duty Political Activities

As the 2024 presidential elections draw closer, all active duty members of the Armed Forces should review the 'Do's and Don'ts' relating to political and campaign activities, as defined in Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces." The list below is not comprehensive; if you have any questions, consult your local Staff Judge Advocate for guidance.

### ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS CAN:

- ✓ Register to vote, cast a vote, and encourage others to vote
- ✓ Express personal opinions on political candidates and issues
- ✓ Write a letter in a newspaper, blog or social media expressing personal political views. However, if you identify yourself as a service member, you must include a statement that your views do not represent those of the Department of Defense or Department of the Army
- ✓ Attend partisan or non-partisan political rallies and clubs as a spectator during off-duty hours. However, service members may not be in uniform
- ✓ Sign petitions for legislative action or to place a candidate's name on the ballot, if done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the armed forces
- ✓ Donate money to a political party, candidate, organization or committee
- ✓ Display a bumper sticker on your personally owned vehicles
- ✓ Wear political t-shirts or buttons, as long as not in uniform, performing military duties, or when it could give the appearance of DoD or U.S. Army endorsement

### ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS CANNOT:

- ⊗ Attempt to influence the view, position, or vote of any subordinate
- ⊗ Use a government computer or other equipment to engage in political activity
- ⊗ Attend a political event (meeting, rally, fundraiser, debate, convention) in uniform, whether it is partisan or nonpartisan
- ⊗ Express personal opinions with the implication that your opinions are Army or DoD policy
- ⊗ Organize, lead, sponsor, or speak at partisan political events
- ⊗ Engage in partisan political fundraising activities – except as a donor
- ⊗ Place political signs on your vehicle (larger than a bumper sticker)
- ⊗ Display any type of political sign, banner, poster or similar device in your office, work area, barracks room, or on-base residence (including privatized housing)
- ⊗ Engage in a public or organized recruitment of others to run for political office
- ⊗ Run for political office without written approval of the Secretary of the Army

**Army Civilian employees** should review the 'Do's and Don'ts' relating to political and campaign activities, as defined in the Hatch Act 5 U.S.C. 7321 7326). The Hatch Act identifies two primary categories of civilian employees: Less Restricted (most employees) and Further Restricted (including Senior Executive Service and Defense Intelligence Agency employees).

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### Army Voting Assistance Program



<https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter>

### Resources:

- **DODD 1344.10**, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces," February 19, 2008.
- **Army Regulation 608-20** (Army Voting Assistance Program), November 13, 2020.



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## Reporting Prohibited Activities, Handling Protest, Extremist, and Criminal Gang Activities

Prohibited activities include extremism, supremacism, and criminal gang affiliation. Active participation in these activities is inconsistent with the responsibilities and obligations of military service, including the U.S. Army oaths of office and enlistment.

### **Extremist Activities and Gang Activities (AD 2024-07)**

Commanders have the authority to prohibit Servicemembers from actively participating in criminal gangs or any other activities that the commander determines will adversely affect readiness, good order and discipline, or morale within the command. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to order the removal of symbols, flags, posters, or other displays from military-controlled areas; to place areas or activities off-limits or to order Soldiers not to participate in those activities that are contrary to good order and discipline or morale of the unit or pose a threat to health, safety, and security of Soldiers or a military installation.

### **Reporting Prohibited Activities (AD 2024-08)**

Commanders or other Army appropriate authorities (AAA) will notify an **Army IG within 30 calendar days** of deciding to refer a prohibited activity for investigation or inquiry to an Army criminal investigator, an Army law enforcement official, an Army commander, the Army Insider Threat Hub, or another organization or official of the Army or Department of Defense. If an AAA is prohibited from conveying an allegation to a commander or other authority due to **confidentiality obligations** in accordance with established Army policy, then the AAA's report to the appropriate Army IG will also indicate that no additional reports regarding the allegation are forthcoming, and identify the specific Army policy and circumstances that prohibit additional disclosure to the chain of command.

### **Command Options (AR 600-20)**

Commander's options for dealing with a Soldier's violation of the prohibitions includes the following:

- (1) UCMJ action
- (2) Involuntary separation for unsatisfactory performance or misconduct, or for conduct deemed prejudicial to good order and discipline or morale.
- (3) Reclassification actions or bar to reenlistment actions, as appropriate.
- (4) Other administrative or disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the commander, based on the specific facts and circumstances of the particular case.

### **References:**

- 1) Title 10, United States Code, Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice)
- 2) DODI 1325.06 (Handling Protest, Extremist, and Criminal Gang Activities Among Members of the Armed Forces)
- 2) AR 600-20 (Army Command Policy)
- 3) AD 2024-07 (Handling Protest Extremist and Criminal Gang Activities)
- 4) Army Directive 2024-08 (Reporting Prohibited Activities (RPA))
- 5) AR 690-12 (Civilian Personnel Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity)
- 6) AR 600-78 (Army Suitability, Fitness, and Credentialing Program)
- 7) AR 380-67 (Personnel Security Program)
- 8) AR 381-12 (Threat Awareness and Reporting Program)
- 9) AR 525-2 (The Army Protection Program)
- 10) AR 608-18 (The Army Family Advocacy Program)
- 11) AR 190-30 (Military Police Investigations)
- 12) AR190-45 (Law Enforcement Reporting)
- 13) AR 20-1 (Inspector General Activities and Procedures)

**Note: AD 2024-07 modifies the 24 JUL 20 version of AR 600-20 by: 1) Updating the definitions of Army prohibited activities and 2) Instructing all commanders to report prohibited activities to Army IGs. As such AD 2024-07 needs to be considered a companion to AD 2024-08 until AR 600-20 is updated to reflect the changes implement by AD 2024-07.**

### **Reporting procedures:**

Appropriate Army authorities **will collect and report, through Army Inspector General (IG) channels,** all allegations of Soldier engagement in prohibited activities as follows:

### **Within 30 Calendar Days:**

1. Reporting receipt of a prohibited activity allegation.
2. Reporting decision to refer, or not refer, a prohibited activity allegation for investigation inquiry.

### **Within 15 Calendar Days**

3. Reporting referral of a prohibited activity final investigatory report to a decision authority.
4. Reporting the final decision regarding a prohibited activity investigatory report.
5. Reporting action taken against a Soldier for participating in prohibited activities.

### **Definitions:**

#### **Appropriate Army authority (AAA)**

- member of the chain of command
- Army law enforcement professional
- member of an Army counter-insider threat designated office
- Army counterintelligence professional
- Other Army security professional
- Army equal opportunity professional
- member of the command's servicing legal office
- Army Family advocacy professional
- Army inspector general representative
- Army equal employment opportunity professional

#### **Prohibited activity**

Any activity prohibited under paragraphs 8 through 10 of enclosure 3 to DoDI 1325.06 or successor instructions, and any corresponding sections of AR 600-20 or other policy implementing DoDI 1325.06

#### **Prohibited activity allegations**

A statement or assertion of wrongdoing by an individual containing four essential elements: who committed the alleged prohibited activity, what alleged prohibited activity was committed, what provisions of DoDI 1325.06 or AR 600-20 (or other Army policy implementing DoDI 1325.06) were potentially violated, and when the alleged prohibited activity occurred.