















Political Activity Quick Guide for Active Duty Service Members

May I?	
Register, vote and express personal opinions on political candidates and public issues	
Volunteer to work on a campaign of a candidate running for partisan political office	
Engage in non-partisan political activity, including issue-oriented campaigns, i.e., Healthcare, tax reform, and gun control	
Engage in political activity in a Federal building	
Park my personal vehicle with a (one) political bumper sticker in a government parking lot	
Place a campaign sign in your yard (<u>not on a military installation</u>)	
Place a campaign sign in your yard (<u>on a military installation or in privatized housing off-installation</u>)	
Write a letter to an editor, in my personal capacity, that endorses a candidate running for partisan political office	
Serve as an election judge for a city or county	
Work or stand at the polls, for a partisan candidate, on Election Day	
Make a monetary contribution to a political party or candidate	
Solicit, accept, or receive political contributions	
Use official equipment while engaging in political activity	
Attend a partisan rally in uniform	

Social Media Guidance for Active Duty Service Members

<p>May an Active Duty member express his or her own personal views on public issues or political candidates via social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, or personal blogs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, personal views are okay, but Active Duty Service members may not engage in any <u>partisan</u> political activity • “Partisan political activity” is activity directed at the success or failure of a political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group or cause. • Thus, Service members cannot solicit on behalf of a candidate, fundraise, etc. • If identifiable as military on their account, they must put in a disclaimer stating their views are their own. • No direct links of “likes” to partisan sites, as this is akin to distribution of literature. 	<p>May an Active Duty member become a “friend” of, or “like,” the Facebook page, or “follow” the twitter account of a political party or partisan candidate, campaign, group, or cause?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, but they must refrain from engaging in activities with partisan political entities’ accounts that would constitute political activity. • Active Duty Service members cannot suggest that others “like”, “friend” or “follow” the partisan account. • They also cannot forward invitations to partisan events, solicit, or fundraise.
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