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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. James Wood, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron support technician, inspects tools for damage at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Jan. 22, 2020. Airmen in the support section are responsible for maintaining essential materials, such as tools and protective equipment, needed for the squadron to carry out its duties.



2020 LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE COMPATIBLE USE STUDY

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AF Fiscal Year 2021 budget recommendations for AMC

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Among the key features announced in the Air Force Fiscal Year 2021 President's Budget Request released today, Air Mobility Command is projected to face several recommended force structure adjustments to its aerial refueling and Total Force tactical airlift fleets.

"The FY21 budget makes hard choices in the Air Force between retaining legacy force structure and making capital investments to ensure we have an Air Force capable of meeting future requirements to defeat and deter great power competitors," said Gen. Maryanne Miller, Air Mobility Command commander. "Air mobility force structure was part of those choices."

For tactical airlift, the FY21 budget recommends a reduction of 24 Total Force C-130H Hercules in Fiscal Year 2021, removing the oldest aircraft from the fleet. Simultaneously, the TF tactical airlift fleet will grow by 19 C-130Js. At the time of the FY21 PBR release, no decision has been made on what units will be affected by C-130 force structure adjustments.

For aerial refueling, the FY21 budget proposes reductions to the legacy tanker fleet, including 13 KC-135R Stratotankers and 16 KC-10 Extenders in Fiscal Year 2021.

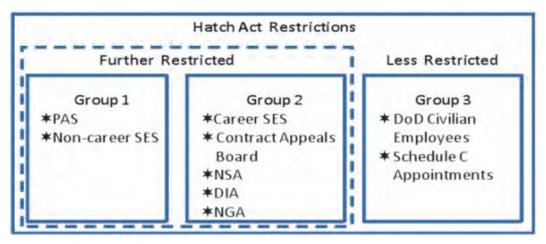
"AMC and U.S. Transportation Command's capacity to support Joint Force aerial refueling requirements is affected by proposed tanker force structure adjustments in the FY21 PBR," said Miller. "The effect of legacy tanker reductions is compounded by the fact that the KC-46A remains unable to accomplish its primary mission. This increased risk to executing our operational aerial refueling mission is a matter of concern that has been raised by the Commander of USTRANSCOM."

"As we incur additional warfighting risk with legacy tanker force reductions and reduced aerial refueling capacity, it further increases the importance of fielding a KC-46A Pegasus capable of performing all operational missions as soon as possible," said Miller. "Correction of major deficiencies in the KC-46A, especially with the Remote Vision System, are a necessary condition to ensure that Joint Force aerial refueling requirements can be met within the bounds of acceptable risk over the long-term."

AMC's future tanker force is envisioned to consist of a mix of upgraded KC-135s and KC-46s.

Miller said AMC has and will continue to assess projected impacts to airlift and air refueling capacity as the Department of Defense commits to investing in the nation's highest priorities as outlined in the National Defense Strategy.

For more information about the FY21 Air Force Budget, visit the Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller website at https://www.saffm.hq.af.mil/FM-Resources/Budget/.



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Guidance on political activity, DoD Support

As we move toward the 2020 elections, all DoD personnel – military and civilian – must be aware of the limitations that affect their participation in political activity. While all personnel are encouraged to carry out the obligations of citizenship, they must be mindful of the long-standing tradition that DoD remain apolitical. This summary and links to detailed guidance will assist you in applying the rules to your particular circumstances and help you avoid inadvertent missteps.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

The political activity of DoD civilians is regulated by a number of sources: the Hatch Act (5 USC 7321 – 7326), implementing regulations (5 CFR 733 and 5 CFR 734), as well as DoD policy. For purposes of the Hatch Act, political activity is defined as "an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office or partisan political group." Because the application of the rules varies depending on an employee's position or office, it is extremely important that employees who are engaging in political activity know which rules apply.

With regard to civilian employees, there are two sets of restrictions for three groups

of employees. The first and more restrictive set of rules apply to: (1) individuals appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate and individuals serving in non-career SES positions; and (2) career members of the SES, contract appeals board members, and all employees of the National Security Agency (NSA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the National Geo-Spatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). The second and less restrictive set of rules apply to all other employees (including Schedule C political appointees).

Employees in Groups 1 and 2 may not take an active part in partisan political management or political campaigns and are referred to as "further restricted" employees.

Further restricted employees are expressly prohibited from participating in political activity. Specifically, further restricted employees are prohibited from engaging in any political activity which is "in concert" with a political party, partisan political group, or candidate for partisan political office. "In concert" activity is any activity that is sponsored or supported by a political party, partisan political group, or candidate for

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COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK



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NAME AND RANK

Tech. Sgt. Ryan McCormack

UNIT

29th Weapons Squadron

OFFICIAL DUTY TITLE

NCO in charge of squadron aviation resource management

HOMETOWN

Baltimore, Maryland

TIME IN SERVICE

7 years

TIME AT LITTLE ROCK

6 years

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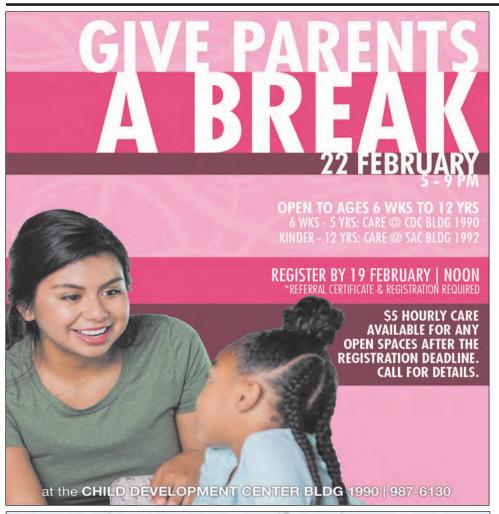
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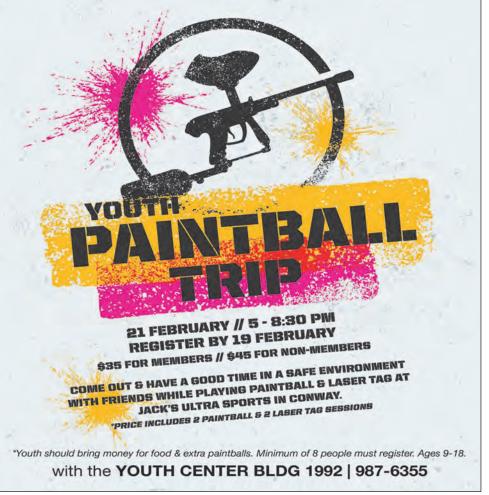
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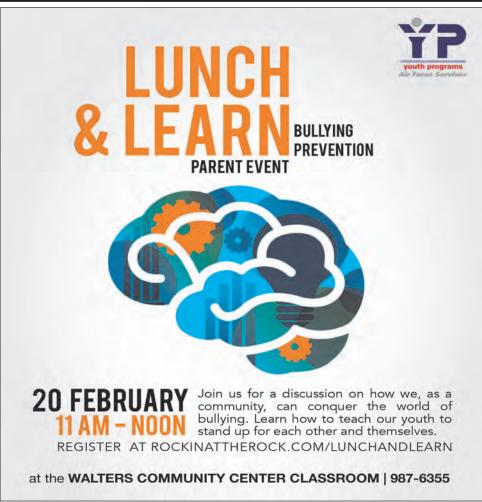
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2020 Little Rock Air Force Base Compatible Use Study

The purpose of the Compatible Use Study is to encourage local governments, together with the state, to work closely with Little Rock AFB to implement measures that promote compatible development in the areas surround-

ing our military installations, but that also preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of those living and working near Little Rock AFB.

The 2020 Little Rock Air Force Base Compatible Use Study is a cooperative planning effort conducted as a joint venture between Little

Rock AFB and Pulaski County, White County, Lonoke County, Cabot, Jacksonville, Sherwood, Lonoke, Maumelle, North Little Rock and other jurisdictions and stakeholders in proximity to the base. In addition to

the Little Rock AFB, the Study also includes lands near and state stakeholders. Camp Robinson and Blackjack Drop Zone, which are used by the Air Force, as well. The City of Jacksonville is the Compatible Use Study project sponsor and coordi-

nating office.

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preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of those living and working near Little Rock AFB. The Compatible Use Study will also evaluate ways to enhance communication and coordination among local, regional,

The Compatible Use Study project team is using a short survey to gain insights into community perceptions and opinions relating to the presence and activities of Little Rock AFB, Camp Robinson, and Blackjack Drop We appreciate your input and request that you do not complete this survey more than once. While you are always welcome to provide your input on the 2020 Little Rock AFB Compatible Use Study by going to www.littlerockafb-cus.org, we will only accept survey responses until at 5 p.m. March 6.

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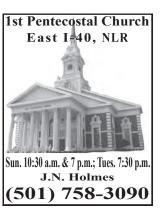
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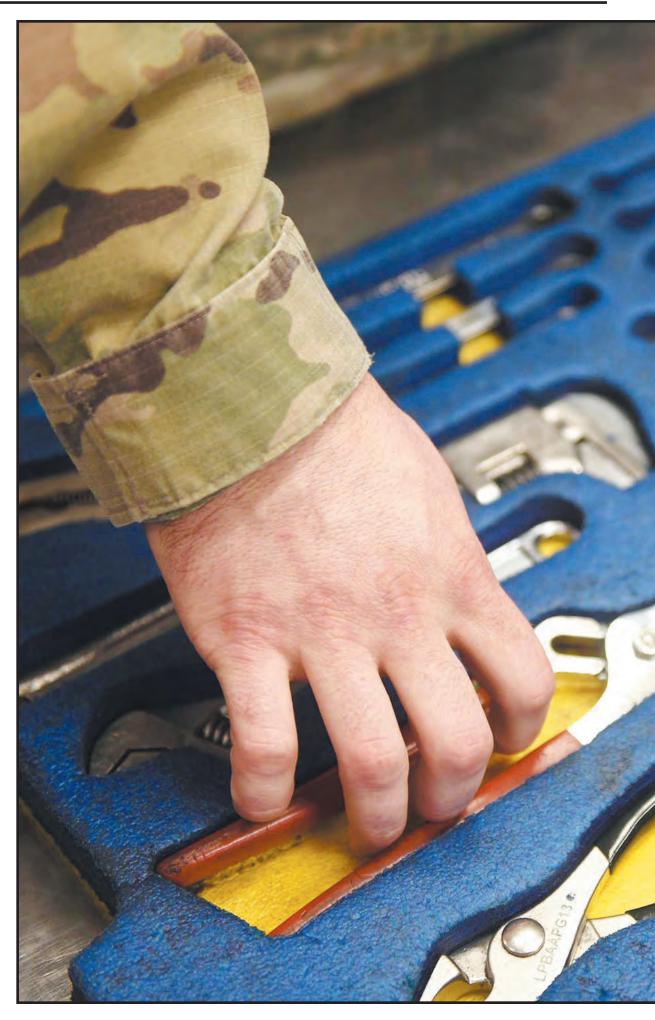


(Above) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgts. Ethan Flournoy and James Wood, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron support technicians, scan a tool at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Jan. 22, 2020. The 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron stood up its active-duty support section recently, which was considered a major milestone in its reconstitution plan, transitioning the squadron from civilian contractors to military personnel.

(Right) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Randy Mcdonald, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron support technician, inspects a toolbox at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Jan. 22, 2020. The support section – currently comprised of 16 Airmen – plays an essential role in the squadron by providing Airmen with the tools needed to carry out the 314th Airlift Wing's mission of training approximately 1,200 aircrew students per year.

(Below) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Randy Mcdonald, 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron support technician, completes inventory on hazardous material management tools and equipment at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Jan. 22, 2020. The support section is the foundation that will give the squadron momentum during the transition from contractors to full-time active-duty maintainers.







314th AMXS

Demonstrates initial operational capability through support section

STORY AND PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JAYDEN FORD, 19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron stood up its active-duty support section recently at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. This was considered a major milestone in its reconstitution plan, to continue transitioning the squadron from civilian contractors to military personnel.

The support section – comprised of 16 Airmen – plays an essential role in the squadron by providing Airmen with the tools needed to carry out the 314th Airlift Wing's mission of training approximately 1,200 aircrew students a year.

"The Airmen have put a lot of effort into building our team and capabilities from scratch," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Haley Janssen, 314th AMXS aircraft maintenance unit officer in charge. "They are the first piece that has to be in place, and they house a lot of programs we are obligated to have in order for an aircraft maintenance unit to function."

From tools to flight line driver's licenses – the support section is seen as the foundation that will give the squadron momentum during the transition from contractors to full-time active-duty maintainers.

"They've put in countless hours doing inventories and getting those programs up and running so we can welcome in the rest of the squadron," Janssen said.

A vast majority of maintainers in the squadron are made up of Airmen who came from bases throughout the Air Force and specialize in a range of career fields working on multiple types of aircraft.

"Not everybody was a C-130J maintainer," Janssen said. "Everybody brings in their own backgrounds and has to try to learn, leaving some of their previous biases at the door, because we eventually work on the C-130J's together to make the mission happen," Janssen said.

Another area the section had to solidify was in the structure of their leadership — making sure the leaders were ready to supervise their Airmen and guide them through not only day-to-day tasks, but also the tasks that come with developing an entire squadron from scratch.

"A lot of our maintenance teams, section chiefs, and NCOs in charge are in these positions for the first time," Janssen said. "We have been diligent in getting everybody feeling strong in their ability to lead their sections."

Units from across Team Little Rock have assisted in the reconstitution of the squadron.

"The base agencies helped a lot with the training that we needed," said Senior Master Sgt. Adam Bragg, 314th AMXS support superintendent. "We've been filling in the gaps with on-the-job training to get our Airmen where they need to be."

As the squadron continues to grow – expecting to be 260 Airmen strong upon completion of the reconstitution – the support section sets the tone for what is to come in the whole process.

"We can make the transition easier by having people who've got the experience," Bragg said. "A positive attitude is key to building a unit. We have assembled an amazing team with a variety of skill sets, and I am thankful for them."

University center supports Airmen, families, community with furthering education

By Senior Airman Kristine M. Gruwell

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Jacksonville-Little Rock Air Force Base University Center is committed to making education a priority for anyone in Jacksonville, Arkansas, Little Rock AFB or the surrounding areas in the pursuit of their personal and professional goals.

The University Center is a tremendous educational partnership for Little Rock AFB and the community of Jacksonville, servicing not only military members and their families, but also the local civilian community.

The University Center campus was originally located within the perimeter of Little Rock AFB, requiring base access. However, in 2011, the campus moved to the Jackson-ville-Little Rock AFB University Center just outside of the base, removing any special access requirements to utilize the University Center and making it available to the public.

Located at the corner of Vandenberg Boulevard and John Harden Drive, where Jacksonville and the base meet, the University Center is a visual reminder of the storied Jacksonville-Little Rock Air Force Base partnership.

"We have four different colleges and universities here



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN KRISTINE M. GRUWELL

The Jacksonville-Little Rock Air Force Base University Center is available to anyone in the surrounding Jacksonville, Arkansas, area including military members and their families. Located at the corner of Vandenberg Blvd. and John Harden Dr., where Jacksonville and the base meet, the university center is a visual reminder of the storied Jacksonville-Little Rock Air Force Base partnership.

readily available to help students," said Patrick Loggins, 19th Force Support Squadron education and training chief. "Our doors are always open for the community as well as

for the men and women of Little Rock AFB."

Arkansas State University Beebe, Park University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Webster University are available to assist students working toward their educational goals. With lunch, evening, weekend and online classes available, the university center can help anyone excel in their education with a schedule that suits their individual needs.

If a student is working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree, college-level examination program tests and other standardized tests are available daily for students to gain college credits without taking a full course.

For Airmen wishing to further their professional development, the University Center administers the Air Force officer qualifying test, career development course tests, and other exams that could assist with career-specific certifications.

"Having this facility available for the community and military members means the knowledge they obtain here will be taken all over the world," said Brittany O'Mealia, ASU Beebe campus operations coordinator.

Little Rock AFB and the City of Jacksonville teamed up

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RUNNERS NEEDED

to complete 6 miles of a 150-mile journey to honor Arkansas Fallen Heroes.

The 9th Annual Arkansas Run for the Fallen will be held March 20-22, 2020. This run honors Arkansas heroes who have died while serving on active duty since September 11, 2001. The run begins in Ozark, Arkansas and ends on the steps of the state Capitol in Little Rock. Each 3-5 person team will complete 6 miles and then another team will pick up to run 6 miles. At each mile along the route, the run team stops and presents an American Flag and a biographical card in honor of a fallen service member in an effort to create a 150-mile memorial trail through Arkansas.

We need military runners (currently serving or veterans) to complete these first 150 miles (each team runs 6 miles). To qualify you must be able to run 6 miles in under an hour. Qualifying will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of February at 1600 starting at the EOD building.

For more information contact CMSgt Geoff Myer at 501-605-6133

www.arkansasrunforthefallen.org

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when building the university center to make sure anyone living here would be given resources to assist them with their future.

For additional information, call the Jacksonville-Little Rock Air Force Base University Center at (501) 987-3417, or visit www.rockinattherock.com/education.

Effective immediately, the following policy changes have been implemented to the technical education (specifically, technical core) requirement area for all CCAF and associate of applied science degree programs:

To graduate, a student must have completed formal specialty-related technical training (initial skills, follow-on, and/or advanced) for which CCAF academic credit is

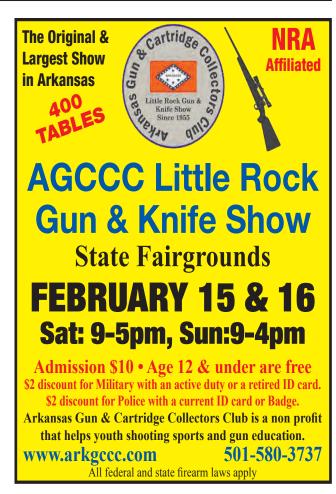
awarded.

At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for an undergraduate degree must be earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.

CCAF institutional credit awarded for completed formal specialty-related technical training must satisfy the AAS degree major (academic discipline), commonly referred as technical core.

CCAF specialty internship and special duty Identifiers (SDI) credit will NOT be applied toward the 25 percent institutional credit (residency) requirement for graduation anymore. As stated, 25 percent of the credit hours required for an undergraduate degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.

American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations and civilian course credit in-transfer may NOT be applied to satisfy a technical core requirement. However, it can be applied toward technical elective requirement.





THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By Jeffrey Pryor, 19th Airlift Wing Historian

■ 1898 – 28 Marines and 232 Sailors lost their lives when the battleship USS Maine was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

■ 1942 – The war halted civilian car production at Ford Motor Company. Henry Ford opposed America's

entry into World War II until the attack on Pearl Harbor, which inspired him to begin an all-out effort to manufacture planes and vehicles for the war effort.

■ 1967 – Thirteen U.S. helicopters were shot down in one day in Vietnam.

■ 1973 – Operation Homecoming/Mackay Trophy.

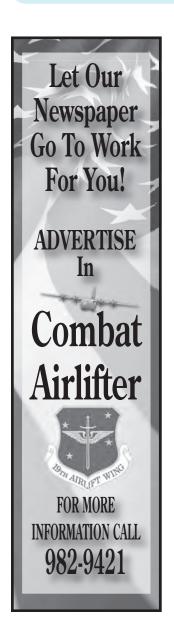
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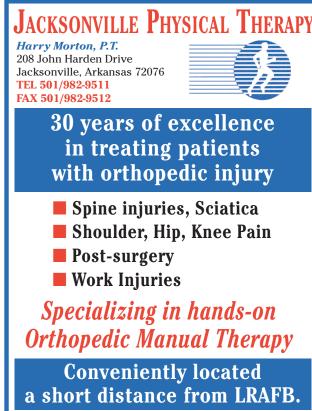
Communications Group at Clark AB, Philippines,

provided communications to the C-141s returning the former prisoners to Clark. When the 566 POWs reached America, the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing transferred them to various military hospitals.

Altogether, the Military Airlift Command used 118 C-9A and C-141 missions to support the operation.

This event earned the Mackay Trophy.





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partisan political office. Prohibited activities also include soliciting, accepting, or receiving campaign or other political contributions. Further restricted employees may, however, express their personal opinions, make monetary contributions to a campaign, and attend, but not actively participate in, campaign events or fundraising functions sponsored by candidates for partisan political office or political parties. See Partisan Political Activity Rules for "Further Restricted" DoD Civilians.

Less restricted employees (employees in Group 3), while in their personal capacities, may volunteer with a political campaign or political organization. Examples of permitted volunteer activities include: organizing political rallies and meetings, making phone calls on behalf of a candidate, serving as a delegate to a party convention, and working for a political party to get out the vote. These employees are, however, prohibited from soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions. See Partisan Political Activity Rules for "Less Restricted" DoD Civilians.

Regardless of whether a civilian employee is further restricted or less restricted, she may never engage in political activity while on-duty or in a Federal building. Specifically, an employee may not send or forward political emails, post political messages to social media, such as a Facebook account or political "tweeting" while in a Federal building (including when off-duty), even if the employee is using her personal smartphone, tablet, or computer. Employees may never use government equipment to engage in political activities.

MILITARY MEMBERS

The primary guidance concerning political activity for military members is found in DoD Directive 1344.10 [Guidance for Military Personnel]. Per longstanding DoD policy, active duty personnel may not engage in partisan political activities and all military personnel should avoid the inference that their political activities imply or appear to imply DoD sponsorship, approval, or endorsement of a political candidate, campaign, or cause. Members on active duty may not campaign for a partisan candidate, engage in partisan fundraising activities, serve as an officer of a partisan club, or speak before a partisan gathering. Active duty members may, however, express their personal opinions on political candidates and issues, make monetary contributions to a political campaign or organization, and attend political events, in their personal capacity, as a spectator when not in uniform.

Social Media

Civilian personnel may generally express their personal views on public issues or political candidates via personal accounts on social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, or personal blogs, in the same way they could write a letter to the editor of a newspaper. If, when expressing a personal opinion, personnel are identified by a social media site as DoD employees, the posting must clearly and prominently state that the views expressed are those of the individual only and not of the Department of Defense.

As previously noted, active duty military members and further restricted civilian employees are prohibited from participating in partisan political activity. Therefore, while these employees may "follow" "friend" or "like" a political party or candidate running for partisan office, they may not post links to, "share" or "re-tweet" comments or tweets from the Facebook page or twitter account of a political party or candidate running for partisan office. Such activity is deemed to constitute participation in political activities.

Service members must also be careful not to comment, post, or link to material that violates the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or Service regulation. Examples include showing contempt for public officials, releasing sensitive information, or posting unprofessional material that is prejudicial to good order and discipline or Service discrediting under the UCMJ.

Social media guidance for military members [FAQs Political Activities and Members of the Armed Forces] and civilian employees [Social Media and the Hatch Act] offers advice on how to avoid violating the rules.

DoD Support to Campaigns

Any activity that may be reasonably viewed as directly or indirectly associating DoD, or any component or personnel of DoD, with a partisan political activity or is otherwise contrary to the spirit and intention of this guidance must be avoided. Consistent with this, installation commanders must decline requests for military personnel or federal civilian employees to appear in or support political campaign or election events in their official capacities, with the exception of providing joint Armed Forces color guards at the opening ceremonies of the national conventions of the Republican, Democratic, and other political parties formally recognized by the Federal Election Commission. In addition, installation commanders shall not permit the use of military facilities by any candidate for political campaign or election events, including public assemblies or town hall meetings, speeches, fundraisers, press conferences, post-election celebrations and concession addresses.

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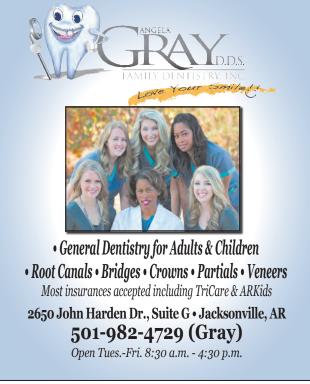
Official seals of DoD and the Military Services may only be used for official purposes. Military Service marks, including those appearing on flags, "may not be licensed for use in a manner that creates a perception of DoD endorsement of any non-federal entity or its products or services." DoD employees authorized to participate in political activities in their personal capacities must not sanction use of the flag or otherwise create an actual or apparent endorsement of a candidate or campaign by DoD or a Military Service.

RESOURCES

For more information on the Hatch Act or DoD Directive 1344.10, personnel should contact their local legal or Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) office.

General guidance on the Hatch Act can be found at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel website - www.osc.gov.









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