



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE
SPACE BASE DELTA 3

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE PERSONNEL,
RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS

FROM: SBD 3/CC

SUBJECT: Partisan Political Activities and the Public Display or Depiction of Flags on Los Angeles Air Force Base

References: (a) Secretary of Defense Memo, 16 July 2020, Public Display or Depiction of Flags in the Department of Defense
(b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memo, 15 February 2024, Political Activities
(c) DoD Directive 1344.10, 19 February 2008, *Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces*
(d) DOD 5500.07-R, 15 May 2024, *Joint Ethics Regulation (JER)*
(e) DAFI 51-508, 24 March 2023, *Political Activities, Free Speech and Freedom of Assembly*
(f) 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326, The Hatch Act of 1939, An Act to Prevent Pernicious Political Activities
(g) 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch

1. The objective of this guidance is to maintain the hard-earned trust and confidence of the American people; ensure that Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel, residents, and visitors exercise their rights and obligations of citizenship without violating Federal statutes, regulations, and policies prohibiting official involvement, or the appearance of official involvement, in partisan political activities; and ensure no actions are permitted on Los Angeles Air Force Base that could imply endorsement of a political party, political candidate or campaign by any element of the Department.

2. Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel, residents, and visitors are authorized to display or depict representational flags that promote unity and esprit de corps, including:

- a. The American flag
- b. Flags of U.S. States and Territories and the District of Columbia
- c. Military Service flags
- d. Flag or General Officer flags
- e. Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed civilian flags
- f. Senior Executive Service (SES) and Military Department-specific SES flags

- g. The POW/MIA flag
 - h. Flags of other countries, for which the United States is an ally or partner, or for official protocol purposes
 - i. Flags of organizations in which the United States is a member (e.g., NATO)
 - j. Ceremonial, command, unit, or branch flags or guidons
 - k. Immediate Family Service Flag or Banner with Gold or Blue Star(s).
3. Flags or depictions of flags not included in paragraph 2 of this memorandum are prohibited.
4. Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel, residents, and visitors are not authorized to conduct partisan activities, display, or depict any materials that imply or appear to imply DoD sponsorship, approval, or endorsement of a political candidate or campaign, or that could pose a danger to the loyalty, discipline, or morale of Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel.
5. This guidance applies to public displays across all Los Angeles Air Force Base work places, common access areas, and public areas, including, but not limited to:
- a. Office buildings, facilities, aircraft, government vehicles, hangars, garages, ready rooms, conference rooms, individual offices, cubicles, storage rooms, tool and equipment rooms, workshops, break rooms, kitchens/galleys, recreational areas, commissaries, Army and Air Force exchanges, and restrooms – including property and buildings off installation leased by the Department;
 - b. Sensitive compartmented information facilities and other secure facilities;
 - c. Open-bay barracks, berthing areas, and common areas of barracks and bachelor quarters;
 - d. School houses and training facilities;
 - e. All spaces or items in public or plain view, such as the outside areas of any Department of Defense buildings and government-operated or public-private venture housing (e.g., parking lots, yards, gazebos, porches, and exterior walls and windows), including within the Fort MacArthur, Pacific Heights, and Pacific Crest housing areas.
6. Activities not expressly prohibited by this guidance that are contrary to its spirit and intent – including any activity that may be reasonably viewed as directly or indirectly associating the DoD, or any component, with a partisan political activity or that could pose a danger to the loyalty, discipline, or morale of Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel – are prohibited.
7. The failure of Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel, residents, or visitors to abide by this guidance could result in removal and/or barment from Los Angeles Air Force Base and all associated government-operated or public-private venture housing, including the Fort

MacArthur, Pacific Heights, and Pacific Crest housing areas. SBD 3/CC may terminate lease agreements with – and, if necessary, evict – residents of the Fort MacArthur, Pacific Heights, and Pacific Crest housing areas for noncompliance. Failure of Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel to abide by this guidance could also result in adverse disciplinary action.

8. This guidance supplements existing Federal statutes, regulations, and policies prohibiting official involvement, or the appearance of official involvement, in partisan political activities. Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel are required to comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and policies, including References (a)–(g). Active duty members will not engage in partisan political activities, and all military personnel will avoid the inference that their political activities imply or appear to imply DoD sponsorship, approval, or endorsement of a political candidate, campaign, or cause. No Federal civilian executive branch employee may engage in a political activity while on duty or in a Federal workplace.

9. My point of contact for this guidance is the SBD 3 Commander's Action Group at SBD3.CCX.OrgBox@spaceforce.mil.

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