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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Using Army Information Systems and Websites for Partisan Political Activities

1. References:

- a. 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326, Restrictions on Political Activities by Government Civilian Employees.
- b. 10 U.S.C. § 888, Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 88, Contempt Toward Officials.
- c. Department of Defense (DoD) 5500.07-R, Joint Ethics Regulation, 30 August 1993, Change 7, effective 17 November 2011.
- d. DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces, 19 February 2008.
- e. Army Regulation (AR) 25-1, Army Information Technology and Knowledge Management, 4 December 2008.
- f. AR 25-2, Information Assurance, 24 October 2007 (RAR 001, 23 March 2009).

2. Purpose: To remind the Army community that the use of government information systems and websites for partisan political activities is prohibited and to establish guidance for removing and reporting political activities on Army information systems and websites.

3. Background:

- a. Federal government communications systems and equipment may not be used except for official and authorized purposes (DoD 5500.07-R, para 2-301). Use of Army communications systems for partisan political activity is not official or authorized and, in many situations, is specifically prohibited.

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b. The Army provides several social media tools, including Army Knowledge Online, to encourage discussion and collaboration. These tools constitute federal government information systems and may not be used for partisan political activities.

4. Policy: Effective immediately, content owners, site managers and system managers will monitor their Army information systems or websites for partisan political activity. Partisan political activity is defined as any activity directed towards the success or failure of a political party, a candidate for partisan political office or a partisan political group. Violations will be removed immediately by the content owners, site managers or system managers and will be reported to the Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6, SAIS-PRU.

5. This guidance will be incorporated into AR 25-1. This memorandum expires 1 November 2014.

6. Points of contact.

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