
Guidance on Saluting Protocols

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Dear Paul Goldstein,

Saluting protocols, particularly for indoor events, became a topic of interest after our most recent Memorial Day event in the Chapel during which there was uncertainty on what was appropriate during the playing of the National Anthem, Taps and the Pledge of Allegiance. After considerable research on the subject, the board offers the following guidelines to our membership for your information and appropriate action.

1. References:
 - a. Army FM 7-21.13 Chapter 4, Customs, Courtesies and Traditions, The Hand Salute at <https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/policy/army/fm/7-21-13/chap4.htm>
 - b. History of The Military Salute (Veterans, Active Duty, Civilians) by Rod Powers, Updated June 05, 2018 at <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/saluting-in-civilian-clothes-3356980>
 - c. Origins and Use of the U.S. Military Salute by Rod Powers, Updated June 25, 2019 at <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/u-s-military-salute-3331994>
2. All references mentioned above say salutes are not rendered indoors except in cases of formal reporting. Reference c also states that "When the National Anthem is played indoors, officers and enlisted personnel stand at attention and face the music, or the flag if one is present."
3. However for outdoor ceremonies salutes should be rendered for the following:
 - a. When the United States National Anthem, "To the Colors," "Hail to the Chief," or foreign national anthems are played.
 - b. To uncased National Colors when passing in review.
 - c. On ceremonial occasions (such as Changes of Command and Military Parades).
 - d. At reveille and retreat ceremonies, during the raising or lowering of the flag.
 - e. During the sounding of honors.
 - f. During the playing of taps.
 - g. When the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag is being recited outdoors.
4. Members of the North Georgia Veterans are requested to observe these protocols.
5. Questions concerning these protocols should be directed to the NGV Director of Communications.

Thank you,
Communication Director
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