

**Excerpt from the  
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT  
For Fiscal Year 2009**

**SUBTITLE G – OTHER MATTERS**

**SEC. 1081. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM  
BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.**

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

“(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

“(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and”.

NOTE: This authorization was signed into law by President George W. Bush on October, 14, 2008.