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New Law Authorizes Veterans' Salutes during National Anthem

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the **National Anthem**, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month. The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on October 14.

An earlier provision authorized hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the **flag**, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.

For more information, contact Veterans Services office or visit at a location near you, see office listings below:

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