

Lesson One: What is an Alabama Veteran?

Protocols for American Flag, Pledge, and Anthem

American Flag <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/USCODE-1996-title36/USCODE-1996-title36-chap10-sec176/content-detail.html>

Resources: Protocol for Hoisting, Lowering or Passing of Flag (copied from link above)

§ 177. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag: During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. (June 22, 1942, ch. 435, §5, 56 Stat. 380; Dec. 22

Pledge of Allegiance <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/USCODE-1996-title36/USCODE-1996-title36-chap10-sec176/content-detail.html>

Resources: Protocol when saying the Pledge of Allegiance (copied from link above).

§ 172. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; manner of delivery The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”, should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. (June 22, 1942, ch. 435, §7, 56

National Anthem <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-1996-title36/pdf/USCODE-1996-title36-chap10-sec170.pdf>

Resources: Protocol when singing or listening to the playing of the National Anthem: (copied from the link above)

United States Code Title 36

Â§301. National Anthem

1. **Designation.** The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.
2. **Conduct During Playing.** During rendition of the national anthem:
 1. when the flag is displayed:
 1. individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;
 2. 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
 3. 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
 - when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

The correct protocol for **foreign citizens** when the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem is said or sung: Standing at attention and remaining silent is the appropriate action for non-citizens when the National Anthem is played or the Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Similar rules would apply to US citizens in foreign countries. Source for this information: Civil Air Patrol http://capnhq.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1013/~/protocol-for-the-flag-and-during-the-pledge-of-allegiance