

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Current Title 4 of the U.S. Code which relates to the U. S. Flag is up for Amendment. The Amendment has already passed the U.S. Senate and is now in a House Committee.

Currently, to render a Salute to the U.S. Flag, Veterans out of Uniform are required to remove their hat and place their right hand of their heart.

This is the same for VFW Meetings. No hats are to be worn in a VFW Meeting with the exception of the VFW Service Cap.

When the Service Cap is worn, a VFW Member is considered in Uniform. Thus to salute the U.S. Flag, the VFW Service Cap remains on, and a proper Salute is rendered.

If no VFW Service Cap is worn, the above Hand over the Heart paragraph applies. . (No hat is removed, because no other hat is authorized.)

If the Amendment to Title 4 passes Congress, and signed into law by the President, **this will all change.**

If this happens then all Veterans, regardless of Status, when out of Uniform, are authorized to salute the U.S. Flag with the traditional proper Salute. (Hat Removed).

Very few venues are exempt. Indoors – Outdoors, VFW Meetings or Sporting Events, makes no difference.

The intent of the Law is to allow (not mandate) those who wish to be recognized as Veterans, to do so.

1. This of course will be abused by every Wanna be Vet out there.
2. Takes a little something away from those who are Currently Serving in Uniform.
3. Removes the last bit of motivation for VFW Members to show their pride by purchasing a VFW Service Cap.

But weighing the pros and cons, the Amendment is probably a positive thing.

Tracking the status of the voting on the Amendment can be had at:

Track Veteran Saluting Flag Bill

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s110-1877>