

## § 301. National anthem

**(a) Designation.**— The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

**(b) Conduct During Playing.**— During a rendition of the national anthem—

**(1)** when the flag is displayed—

**(A)** all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart;

**(B)** men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and

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

**(2)** 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