



ROYAL RANGERS

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SUBJECT:

Pledge & Ceremony Protocols



HAND SALUTE



HEART SALUTE

In an effort to provide a clear set of standards, the Royal Rangers Executive Committee has approved the following protocols regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem for all Royal Ranger groups.

Pledge of Allegiance Protocol - Outdoors:

When reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, whether in Class A, B, or C uniform (includes logo T-shirts and RR ball caps or berets), with or without headgear, a Royal Ranger will stand at attention, face the flag, and render a hand salute. The command will be: "Hand (*pause*), salute!"

Pledge of Allegiance Protocol - Indoors:

Royal Rangers always remove their headgear when indoors. The only exception is an individual who is a member of a color or honor guard. When reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, whether in Class A, B, or C uniform (includes logo T-shirts and RR ball caps or berets), a Royal Ranger will stand at attention, face the flag, and place the right hand over the heart. The command will be: "Heart (*pause*), salute!"

"The Star-Spangled Banner" or "To the Color" Protocol - Outdoors:

Upon hearing the first note, whether in Class A, B, or C uniform (includes logo T-shirts and RR ball caps or berets), with or without headgear, a Royal Ranger will stand at attention, face the flag, render a hand salute, and hold it until the last note of music is played. The command will be: "Hand (*pause*), salute!"

"The Star-Spangled Banner" or "To the Color" Protocol - Indoors:

Royal Rangers always remove their headgear when indoors. The only exception is an individual who is a member of a color or honor guard. Upon hearing the first note, whether in Class A, B, or C (includes logo T-shirts and RR ball caps or berets) uniform, will stand at attention, face the flag, and place the right hand over the heart, and hold it until the last note of music is played. The command will be: "Heart (*pause*), salute!"

RECOMMENDED INSERTION POINTS:

It is recommended that this update be printed and inserted in the following Royal Ranger publications at the following locations:

- *Royal Ranger Leader's Manual* - Chapter 3, page 39