

# Brittany Pointe Estates Veterans Affairs Committee



BPE Pointer Article

## Veterans' Corner

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On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we went on an ACTS trip to see a Phillies game. It was a super game, even after we gave up three runs in the top of the first inning. I better stop reliving the agony of that experience and get back to the point of this article. Immediately before the singing of our National Anthem, the stadium announcer asked everyone to remove their hats and for all the veterans to render a salute. The pride I felt hearing this instruction in a large public arena was to me, more memorable than the ball game. What a wonderful way to say what proud Americans we all are and especially here in Philadelphia.

I researched the law that allows us to render this honor to our flag. In January 2008, the original law only permitted saluting the raising, lowering, or passing in review our flag. President George W. Bush signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act, 2009 to include saluting during the playing of the National Anthem. So, next time you are attending any of these ceremonies, please remember to proudly stand-up and salute the flag we all love. At our Veterans Day Ceremony this November 11<sup>th</sup>, I hope all our 100+ veterans will join your Veterans Affairs Committee members in demonstrating our pride in serving our nation by rendering a salute. Please think of the words in Lee Greenwood's song,

"I'd thank my lucky stars,  
To be livin' here today.  
Cause the flag still stands for freedom,  
And they can't take that away.  
And I'm proud to be an American,  
Where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
Who gave that right to me.  
And I gladly stand up,  
Next to you and defend her still today.  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,  
God bless the USA."