

# Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for March 2010

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## Hand Salute

*Did you ever wonder where the hand salute came from? Some say men-at-arms crossing each other's path would raise their hand to show they were unarmed. The junior would raise first. Some say juniors remove their headgear in the presence of seniors which in the British army became just grasping the visor. The British salute is with the palm facing out unlike the American salute with palm down. Folklore says the palm down signifies having lost a war. More likely Americans adopted the Royal Navy's salute with the palm down because it was undignified to show a dirty hand.*



*In October 2009, the VA announced its intent to add **hairy cell leukemia, Parkinson's disease and ischemic heart disease** to the list of disabilities linked by medical evidence to Agent Orange. This raises the total number of presumed service connected illnesses to 15 that the VA considers linked to A/O. Regulations must now be written, published for public comment & republished before this change will be effective. However, veterans can claim NOW for these disabilities.*



*Even though it doesn't seem like it outside the time for decorating our veterans' graves is nearing fast. If your loved one passed away in the last year be watching in early May for a member of one of the groups volunteering this service so that you can make them aware of where your loved one is buried. The American Legion & VFW organizations who assist with decorating the graves of our fallen comrades know where some have been buried but not all.*

***All true Service Officers are only off work when they're sleeping...***

