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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sitting here, before my computer, seems sort of strange. I'm preparing to write what will be one of my last messages as Commander. I've held this job even before Chapter 57 had a newsletter. Looking at the masthead tells me that this is my seventh year. It's about time that you put me out to pasture.

We have a Nominating Committee actively seeking names of individuals willing to take on the tasks that go with running a Chapter. In addition to officers slots, there are Service Officer positions that have to be filled. There are committees that will have to be worked. And there are vacancies for peasants, slaves, peons, workers, drones and droves of followers that are absolutely essential. Please, if you are asked or wish to be considered for any of the jobs contact Norm Willoughby or one of the other committee members.

The Service Officer position has a number of applicants, I've heard. For those of you that are interested let me tell you a little bit about the job. It requires you to attend a training course that is given only one day a year. Miss that day and the Chapter should not employ (non-paying) you as a Chapter Service Officer, because you will not be certified by the VA or the DAV. Get certified and my suggesting is that you commit yourself to man the office once a week, at a minimum; you won't commit to a schedule then you shouldn't be trained. Interview a claimant and you have to remain closed mouth, confidential, private about anything you hear. Further, if the claimant asks you what the status of his or her claim is - you aren't going to know and won't be able to provide any information. The job has tremendous satisfaction in knowing that you are helping someone resolve a personal problem. At the same time, the job has many downsides: knowing that you may be forced to tell someone that they have a tough row to hoe, that you haven't any information for them nor can you get any information for them, that it may be months before they will hear anything and similar aspects of a claim. It's a fulfilling but frustrating assignment.

I've been extremely fortunate with the officers I've worked with and all the members that have helped me. But, there is one job that remains an ongoing problem, raising money.. We wanted our own home. We bought and own our own home. We have to finance its maintenance. How about a little help? Will you make a donation to our Administrative Fund? Allied to this is raising money for our less fortunate brothers and sisters - our Forget-Me-Not campaign. This will be starting up in the not too distant future.

Thanks, Mort

CHAPTER MEMBER GETS NEW HOME

Chapter 57 Member, Staff Sergeant Mike Downing, his wife, Dawnalee and their children were presented with their new specially adapted home on Saturday 27 February 2010. **HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS (HFOT)** is the Taunton, MA based charity that selected Mike to receive one of the homes they build and give to severely injured servicemen and women. John Gonsalves the Founder and President of HFOT realizing there was no agency to give these "Wounded Warriors" adaptive homes began his crusade of giving the homes to our severely wounded about five years ago. The "Key Ceremony" for Mike and his family today, was one of two being held on the same day in different locations. These ceremonies represent the 52nd and 53rd houses that HFOT has given to these courageous and wonderful individuals.

Chapter 57 is a contributor to HFOT and also supports them through helping them at their headquarters in Taunton. The Chapter also presented Mike with a gift in his new home to help him stock his cabinets and refrigerator. Commander Morin presented the gift with a contingent of Chapter members present.

Congratulations to John Gonsalves and his wonderful dedicated group and all of their Volunteers for another job well done! To Mike, Dawnalee and their children enjoy your new place and may you always have "Fair Winds and Following Seas"



Dawnalee Downing hugs General Contractor Dominic Falconeiri as husband Mike (seated) and HFOT President John Gonsalves look on. Dominic had just presented the Downings with the key to their new home.

CH. 57 MEETINGS

Third Tuesdays of each month

Except July & August

Meeting time - 6:30PM**5-7 Taunton Green****Taunton, MA.****MEETING DATES****Mar.16, 2010 – Regular Meeting****Apr. 20, 2010 – Regular Meeting****Election of Officers for
2010 - 2011****May 18, 2010 – Short Meeting by
reservation only.****Installation of Officers****June 15, 2010 – Regular Meeting****RECENTLY DEPARTED
COMRADES**

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**PRIZE DRAWING
UPDATE**

We have a \$25.00 door prize drawing at each meeting. Every member in attendance has a chance to win. You must be in attendance and present when the prize is drawn.

PRIZE DRAWINGS**\$25.00 Attendance Door Prize:**

January – Steve Horton

February - Jim Gray

57'S CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

You have all heard about one "...taking stock of themselves". Well it seems to me that when some people do this it just doesn't go all that well with them. It may be that they tend to see the wrong side of things. It may be in just how they approach it. Recently, I came across the following from an unknown author. It will be a big help in taking stock!



"Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses;
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes;
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears;
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean;
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself."

[Author Unknown]

It involves a lot of counting but really touches on a lot of the most important things. It also dwells on the positive rather than the negative things. This will help to see the good things more easily.

Sure, I hear you it is sometimes easier to see the bad side of things but if we dwell on that it never does any good. Things sometimes get worse! Ever feel so down you just had to have a drink!? Then you woke up with a hangover. Had you seen the positive rather than the negative, you may not have awake with that darned hangover!

Probably the lesson here is to be more positive and you will in all likelihood lead a happier life. Now, isn't that what we all strive for? Also by being happier and more positive we find that we have more friends. This is because people tend to gravitate toward those they perceive as positive people.

The last item in the list is about counting on God. Well, as we all know, "There are no atheists in foxholes", and as the old song says "We're coming in on a wing and a prayer." Try the things above and see if you don't feel better and a lot more positive.

Please notify me of any illness of or passing of members at **508-822-4837** God Bless Armando Medeiros

WALK WITH US

We are still looking for and Honor Guard members. We hope to be able to perform rifle volleys with the M-1 Rifles at ceremonies. Please contact Commander Morin at his number listed below. The Honor Guard and Color Guard will perform as a Unit

Our Forget-Me-Not, annual fund raiser is in need of volunteers to help us in various locations. This is our most important fund raising event of the year. 100% of the funds collected go to support Disabled Veterans in a variety of ways and in particular the donation of clothing, hygiene items and the pizza parties at the VAMC Brockton. We hope to see some new members involved in this heart of the DAV event.

Call Pete at 508- 823-0409

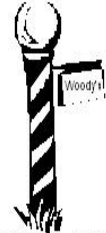
If you would like to assist Chapter 57 at **Homes For Our Troops**, Call Sgt. at Arms, Steve Horton, for more info at **508- 823-0409**.

We are in need of help in a variety of help at our headquarters. If you can spare some time wallpapering, and painting **call Norm at 508- 823-0409**

For more information on other opportunities to help out **call Mort Morin at 508-823-0409** and help us in our commitment to Disabled Veterans.

You have given of yourselves in the past. You can still serve you fellow veterans and countrymen, just in a different way than before.


The Chapter is getting more and more active and even though we see new members we are finding that we just don't have enough people to cover all the events and activities. We really feel bad when we must turn down request for invitations to appear at various functions or are spread so thin that it seems that we are only a few. Sometimes we are covering two or three things, all at the same time! We need you to help.



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THE PEASE GREETERS

The Pease Greeters is a group that was the brainchild in the Spring of 2005 as the Seacoast Detachment, Marine Corps League met their first flight of Veterans returning from the Near East at the Pease Air Terminal in Portsmouth, NH. We now have flights both returning and heading overseas.

For the first few flights there were only a few Marines greeting them in a rather sterile and cavernous room. Since then the Greeters group has grown to well over 100 elders and youths all offering their thanks and greetings for these heroes.

The Greeters have not missed a flight since inception, over 120 visits. They assemble in an hours notice. Some drive as much as 100 miles to be there. They are too old to fight but old enough to care. They show respect for the troops and for their service to our Country.

When the troops are greeted they are given a embroidered star from the field of blue of a unserviceable U.S. Flag (3X5 or smaller). The reason for the size is that the stars are placed into clear plastic envelopes with a paper reading

"I am a part of our American Flag. I have flown over a home in the U.S.A. I can no longer fly.

The Sun and Winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder you are not forgotten".

If you have 3X5 unserviceable flags with embroidered stars please bring them to the Chapter Headquarters at 5-7 Taunton Green. We will make them available to the Pease Greeters, for their program.

If you would like to be a part of the Pease Greeters and possibly attend the Greeting Events, you may obtain more information on their Website - <http://www.peasegreeters.org>

This is a program that has done a lot for our men and women in uniform as they come and go in Harms Way!

The 57 Show Celebrates Its 50th Show!

By Kimberly Matthews, TCAM TV

On January 29th, 2010, The 57 Show taped its 50th episode at the TCAM TV studio in Taunton. The program, which began production in August of 2005, is produced by DAV Chapter 57 Adjutant Paul Waldron with a monthly news report from the Chapter's Commander, Mort Morin. The talent and camera crew is made up entirely of Chapter 57 members as well.

The 50th episode was written by Commander Morin who hosted the show, along with DAV members John Fielding, Norm Willoughby, Steve Horton and Martin "Pete" Fox.

The 5 hosts commented on the show's past four and a half years, showing clips of past visitors to The 57 Show set, including Homes for Our Troops founder John Gonsalves and Purple Heart recipient Ed Nunes. The late former co-host of the program, POW, WW II Veteran and author Bob Doherty was also highlighted in this episode.

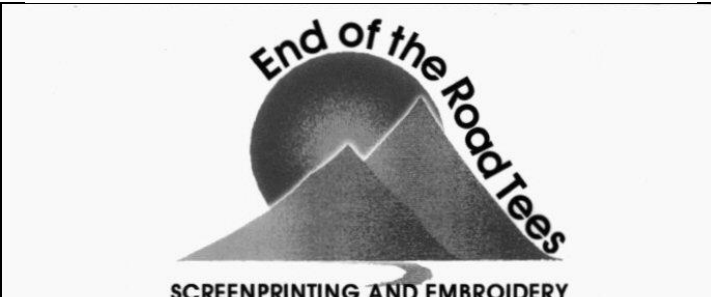
Since the program's inception in 2005, the DAV vets have traveled to many places. In this episode, their trips to Washington D.C., The USS Massachusetts and the USS Salem were also discussed.

It's hard to believe that 50 shows have gone by! Congratulations to the 57 Show on a job well done!


In the photo are (L to R) are Steve Horton, Norm Willoughby, Pete Fox, Mort Morin, and John Fielding during taping of the 50th Fifty Seven Show.




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DAV WIDOWS

The Disabled American Veterans is an organization that is dedicated to helping build better lives for America's Disabled Veterans and their widows and orphans. We were reminded of the mandate to help the wives of former members. The reminder came as a motion at our February Meeting, by Adjutant Paul Waldron.

The motion was to begin contacting the wives of deceased members along with the wives of current members and inviting them to a meeting at our building in Taunton. It was explained that we often do not hear from the wives once the member passes away. That is unfortunate as the chapter can still be of assistance to these individuals. The motion was made and seconded to establish a committee to try and contact as many of the former members wives as possible. It was passed unanimously.

A committee of three members; LeRoy Crossman, Paul Waldron, and John Fielding will be attempting make contact with this group and inviting them to a meeting to solicit their input as to what they would like and to determine if they would like to meet regularly for cards, knitting, conversation or whatever other ideas that the may come up with.

By inviting current members wives to meet with these folks we have lost contact with will, hopefully, give tem all a sense of belonging. It is also good to be involved , as it keeps a person active and healthier. There is some interest among the wives of current members of reestablishing the Chapter's DAVA Unit. We know the input from some of the past members would be invaluable in this.

Those of you that we know will be receiving phone calls from a Committee member. You may also contact the Chapter at **508- 823-0409** and let us know that you wish to be contacted. Call between (AM and Noon) weekdays and give your name and telephone number to the office. We look forward to seeing you!



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LOST COMRADES

Over the years we lose contact with old friends, schoolmates, chums and buddies. This is a more or less normal situation as we move, grow up and so do they.


Chapter 57 has been fortunate in that we have been able to keep track of most of our members who changed address. However, when we send out a notice, newsletter or some other written communication and it comes back as undeliverable the chapter has a problem.

We must be able to keep our members informed of chapter activities. We must make sure that we can pass on information particular to members either from National, the Department or the Chapter. Mail going out costs anywhere from \$.16 on up, depending what is being mailed. Mail coming back is at least \$.42. And, mail being returned with notices indicating that it is "U" Undeliverable, Moved Left No Forwarding Address, Cannot Forward, Unknown At This Address", etc. means that we have lost our ability to communicate with our members, our friends, our comrades.

The following comrades have changed address and not informed the DAV. Will any of you please contact us if you know how we can locate any of these comrades?

Antone Alexander, Thomas Alger, Barry Alves,
John T. Andrade, Richard Andrews, Timothy Aponte, Richard Bagge, John M. Baptista, Heather Bard, Peter Brown, Brian Burrows, Manuel Carveiro, James Cassidy, Daniel Chartier, Kevin Chiocca, Leo DeBois, Jr., Vincent DiCarlo, Francis Enos, Gilbert Fahey, Joseph Gauthi, Robert Hamburgess, Robert Hammond, Albert Hardy, William Holmes, Joseph Jacinto, Adam Jamieson, Henry Jaskola, Francis Jee, Joseph LaBriola, Bryl Laucks, Alex Levesque, Richard Luthi, Donald Mackiewicz, Sr. John Manganaro, James McGrath, Michael McKay, Kevin McKee, Frederick McManus, Joseph Mederios, Charles Moore, Marvin Mortens, Delma Norris, John P. Odom, James Parquette, Louis Picaro, Joseph Quieto, William A. Rasmussen, GeorgeC. Sampson, Victor Staniforth, Robert St. Onge, Joseph Silvia, Jr., Peter Tardo, Rafael Verelamanso, Nathan Williams, A.J. Zimbone

Some of these are old comrades, some are trial members that National assigned to us. We would like to locate all and bring them back into the fold. If you are one of these people or know one of them please let us know by calling **508- 823-0409**.



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PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER

Life Expectancy: Life expectancy is up and the death rate is down, according to recent data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). From data collected in 2007, life expectancy for newborns reached a new high of 77.9, according to the latest mortality figures reported in Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2007. The figures are based on nearly 90% of all death certificates in the United States. The 2007 increase in life expectancy was the continuation of a long trend. Between 1997 and 2007, life expectancy increased by 1.4 years, from 76.5 years to 77.9 years. Other highlights of the report include:

- The average 65-year-old senior can now expect to live another 19 years or so, to nearly age 84.
- Record high life expectancy was recorded for both males (75.3 years) and females (80.4 years) in 2007. While the gap between male and female life expectancy has narrowed since the peak of in 1979, the 5.1 year difference recorded in 2007 is the same as in 2006.
- For the first time, life expectancy for black males reached 70 years.
- The U.S. death rate fell for the eighth year in a row to an all-time low of 760.3 deaths per 100,000 population in 2007. This is 2.1% lower than the 2006 rate of 776.5 and about half of what it was 60 years ago in 1947.
- Heart disease and cancer, the two leading causes of death, accounted for nearly half (48.5 percent) of all deaths in 2007.

IF YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ODDS TO LIVE A LONGER LIFE....

Want to improve your longevity? In addition to getting exercise, regular medical checkups, and eating healthy food, researchers say that making time to travel and making new friends help to increase our longevity. Travel can increase longevity by helping people establish and maintain a healthy lifestyle, says Dr. David Lipschitz, director of the Center on Aging at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. In a 10-year longevity study of people aged 70 and older, researchers at the Centre for Ageing Studies at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia concluded:

- Close relationships with children and relatives had little effect on longevity rates for older people during the 10-year study.
- People with extensive networks of good friends and confidantes outlived those with the fewest friends by 22%.
- The positive effects of friendships on longevity continued throughout the decade, regardless of other profound life changes such as the death of a spouse or other close family members.

Editors Note: You could attend meetings at Chapter 57 and join your comrades and friends for one or more of our many events.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHAPTER 57'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUILDING FUND

This fund is to be used to cover administrative and building needs. It is totally separate from the Forget-Me-Not funds. We will put this column in each newsletter to recognize those that have contributed to this important fund. This drive is on going and our members are responding. We are grateful for this and for the groups and families that have responded. Please consider donating to this fund.

CONTRIBUTORS**\$1 - \$50****Frank Ardita, Mort Morin****\$50 - \$99****Robert M. Leavitt****\$1000 - \$1500****Paul M. Waldron****In memory his wife Theresa M. Waldron, DAVA**

Chapter 57 is very grateful for the response, by not only our members but to the community, toward our Administrative and Building Fund. These donations allow us to maintain our presence in a central facility in the City of Taunton.

It is important for veterans to have a place not only where help with claims is available, but also to have a place to interact with other disabled veterans. This facility provides the interaction between and among our group.

Your donations are needed on an ongoing basis to ensure we have a properly maintained home for the Chapter.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT PROMOTES WEB SITE TO HELP VETERANS GET GOVERNMENT JOBS

Feds Hire Vets dot Gov will help veterans, transitioning service members and family members connect with government jobs. The push is on!

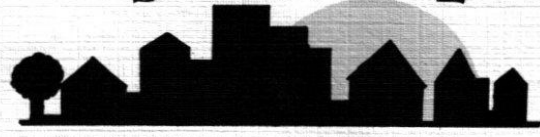
The Office of Personnel Management is now heavily-promoting their web site, *Feds Hire Vets dot Gov* ... <http://fedshirevets.gov/> Transitioning veterans have many needed skills and many also already have security clearances required for some Federal positions. If you are interested in a government job, from janitor to secretary to the technical fields this is the web site to use.



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FOLLOWING ARE ACTUAL EXCERPTS FROM OFFICERS FITNESS REPORTS

His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity”
I would not breed from this Officer.

This Officer is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definitely won't-be.

When she opens her mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there.

He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction.

He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle.

Technically sound, but socially impossible.

This Officer reminds me very much of a gyroscope - always spinning around at a frantic pace, but not really going anywhere.

This young lady has delusions of adequacy.

When he joined my ship, this Officer was something of a granny; since then he has aged considerably.

Since my last report he has reached rock bottom, and has started to dig.

She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.

He has the wisdom of youth, and the energy of old age.

This Officer should go far - and the sooner he starts, the better. In my opinion this pilot should not be authorized to fly below 250 feet.

This man is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.

The only ship I would recommend this man for is citizenship.

Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap.

Got into the gene pool while the lifeguard wasn't watching.

Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together.

A gross ignoramus---144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.

A prime candidate for natural de-selection.

Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."

Fell out of the family tree.

Has two brains: one is lost and the other is out looking for it."

He's so dense, light bends around him.

If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate.

If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.

If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change.

If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean.

Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled.

Takes him an hour and a half to watch 60 minutes.

Wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead.

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CHAPTER 57 VAMC PARTY PROGRAM

The schedule for this program, which is held in Building #2 at the Brockton VA Hospital on Belmont Street in Brockton, MA (Just off Route 24), is as follows;

3/23/10, 4/27/10, 5/25/10 & 6/22/10

We meet at 6:00 – 6:15pm at the entrance to Building #2, the night of the program. Please join us in helping other veterans.

ANNUAL FORGET-ME-NOT DRIVE PLANS

Treasurer Pete Fox, Adjutant Paul Waldron and Quartermaster Norm Willoughby have been working on the dates and getting the necessary permissions. They are going to need a lot of help in this endeavor. Please don't be bashful about volunteering. We are going to need a lot of people manning the collection points.

The actual drive doesn't begin until August. However, in order to ensure a successful fund raiser the planning begins in January. We have had approvals on some of the requests for dates and had to resubmit one.

The money raised during this event is spent solely for the benefit of the Disabled veterans we serve. Yes, we have an administrative fund that is used to pay building expenses and for office supplies and equipment. This way we are able to maintain the building and provide services there.

Unlike most veterans groups that have buildings, we do not have a bar, nor are there plans to do so. Our building is dedicated to serving the needs of our members, their widows and orphans. The money raised during the Drive goes to providing these services. Won't you help us in our efforts to help others? Chapter 57 needs you!

If this message sounds like a plea for help, then my job has been halfway successful. If you'll step up and volunteer time and effort, then my job has been worthwhile.

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"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed!" U.S. Air Force Manual

"Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For, I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing."

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter and therefore, unsafe."

"You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal."

"As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives; the rescuer sees a bloodied pilot and asks, "What happened?" The pilot's reply: "I don't know, I just got here myself!" - Attributed to Ray Crandell (Lockheed test pilot)

A lawyer named Impos Syble was shopping for a tombstone. After he had made his selection, the stonecutter asked him what inscription he would like on it. "Here lies an honest man and a lawyer," responded the lawyer. "Sorry, but I can't do that," replied the stonecutter. "In this state, it's against the law to bury two people in the same grave. However, I could put 'here lies an honest lawyer'." "But that won't let people know who it is!" protested the lawyer. "Sure it will," retorted the stonecutter. "People will read it and exclaim, "That's impossible!"

A lawyer calls his client to tell him about his fee schedule. "Alright," the lawyer says looking through his papers. "You owe me \$1000 down and \$417.58 cents each month for the next thirty-six months. "What! That sounds like a car payment schedule," retorted the client. "Your right. It's mine."

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.



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LOOKING FOR RETURNING VETERANS

Do you know any recently returned veterans that need claims assistance, have questions about claims or not sure if they have a claim? Please have them contact Chapter 57's Headquarters at 508-823-0409 or visit us 7 Taunton Green in Taunton, MA. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 – Noon and two evenings per week. Please call for the evening appointments.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Norm Willoughby

Where did the military hand salute originate?

Originally the hand salute was not a salute but when knights happened to cross paths they would raise the visor of their helmets in order to be identified. They raised the visor with their right hand, which was also a sign they held no weapon, while holding the reins of the horse with the left hand. This developed into the hand salute. Also the sword salute is a derivative of the ancient knights in which the knight would kiss the cross member of the sword before going into battle.

The following explanation of the origin of the hand salute is perhaps closest to the truth: It was a long-established military custom for juniors to remove their headgear in the presence of superiors. In the British Army as late as the American Revolution a soldier saluted by removing his hat. But with the advent of more cumbersome headgear in the 18th and 19th centuries, the act of removing one's hat was gradually converted into the simpler gesture of grasping the visor, and issuing a courteous salutation. From there it finally became conventionalized into something resembling our modern hand salute.

Some theories take the hand salute back to Roman times. However, the salute it seems was always done as a sign of respect by juniors of their superiors and no less a sign of respect by the superiors when directed at their juniors. It in fact is a sign of mutual respect.

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