

# SELECTING HONORARY CHAIRMEN

September  
2007



Why we asked these great Illinoisans to be our  
2007 Benefit Honorary Chairmen.

**DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**  
**DORIE MILLER POST #915**



Pat Quinn  
Lt. Governor



Jesse Jackson,  
Jr.  
Congressman



Richard  
Durbin  
U.S. Senator



Howard  
Brookins, Jr.  
Alderman

## Pat Quinn

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn led the successful effort to enact the Illinois Military Family Relief Act, which provides financial assistance to families of Illinois National Guard members and Reservists called to active duty. He also spearheaded passage of the "Let Them Rest in Peace Act", which has been a national model in protecting grieving families from vile and disruptive protests at funerals of servicemen and women. The Lieutenant Governor's office provides a wide range of services to military families, troops and veterans, and maintains the website [www.OperationHomefront.org](http://www.OperationHomefront.org), one of the country's most informative websites on supporting our troops.

## Jesse Jackson, Jr.

Born in the midst of the voting rights struggle on March 11, 1965, Representative Jackson spent his twenty-first birthday in a jail cell in Washington, D.C. for taking part in a protest against apartheid at the South African Embassy. Congressman Jackson began service in the United States House of Representatives on December 12, 1995, as he was sworn in as a member of the 104th Congress, the 91st African American ever elected to Congress.

Congressman Jackson serves as the Representative for the 2nd Congressional District in Illinois and is the Congressman for many of the members of Dorie Miller Post #915.

## Dick Durbin

Dick Durbin's personal and political beliefs are deeply rooted in his childhood experience in East St. Louis, IL. Durbin's mother immigrated to the United States from Lithuania. His mother and father worked on the railroad. Senator Durbin worked his way through college and law school at Georgetown University - working on the railroad during his summer vacations at home and interning on Sen. Paul Douglas's Capitol Hill staff.

After graduating from law school in 1969, Durbin went to work for then-Lt. Gov. Paul Simon and spent 13 years as the Illinois state Senate Parliamentarian.

## Howard Brookins, Jr.

Alderman Howard Brookins, Jr., is a long time resident of the City of Chicago and is committed to improving the quality of life for the area he serves. He is an active member with a number of committees and organizations to include Trinity United Church of Christ, Prince Hall Mason Eureka Lodge #64, Board of Directors Community Media Workshop, Board of Directors Northern Illinois Alumni, Alpha Phi Alpha and the 9100 South Union Block Club. He has been instrumental in assisting the officers & members of The American Legion Dorie Miller Post #915 locate a new Post home. He was the keynote speaker for the Post inaugural benefit in 2004.

## 2007 Honorary Chairmen

*You are cordially invited to attend our 4th Annual Veteran's Day Benefit  
Saturday, November 10, 2007.*

*This fund raising gala has two primary purposes,*

*To raise much needed donations to open a new American Legion Dorie Miller Post  
and Community Center on Chicago's Southside and to Commemorate, Honor and raise  
awareness of the life and legacy of the great American Hero, Doris "Dorie" Miller and his heroism  
at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.*

SGT. STEPHEN E. SHERMAN (RET)  
OF VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA  
HONORED GUEST  
COME HEAR HIS AMAZING STORY



## Harambee House

11901 S Loomis  
Chicago, IL 60643  
6:00 p.m.

*For those who fought for it, Freedom  
Has a flavor the protected will never know*

*Sincerely,  
Commander Robert L. Davis  
Special thanks for sharing our  
4th Annual Benefit*

*All proceeds will go towards the construction and opening of the new  
American Legion Dorie Miller Post #915*

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[www.doriemiller915.org](http://www.doriemiller915.org)