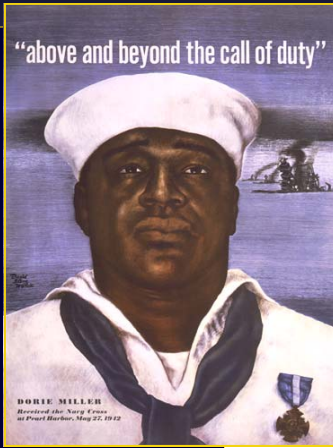


## DECEMBER 2008 WINTER NEWSLETTER



Greetings Comrades:

I would like to begin by saying thank you to all of the members that supported and worked with us in planning and attending our 5th Annual Veteran's Day Benefit. A special thank you to Illinois Lt. Governor, Pat Quinn; National Women Veterans United President, Rochelle Crump; our 2008 Distinguished & Honored Guest, Mr. Eugene Morris and his lovely wife, Demetra; 21st Ward Alderman, Howard Brookins; and the Office of the Honorable Mayor Daley for their participation and support. It is individuals and support of this nature that we will continue to need and seek.



With our signature affair behind us, we have evaluated the total financial success of the Benefit. Remember Comrades, this is the event that we host to build the bank account of the Dorie Miller Memorial Center, Inc., a 5013C non-profit organization. The Memorial Center initiative is our primary platform to move Dorie Miller Post #915 out of homelessness and into our own American Legion Post. We are nearing 64 years in existence with a "New Agenda" set in motion to address the needs of our Comrades, families, communities and youth for generations ahead.

Our State Commander, William Hudson penned a wonderful message in our 5th Annual Benefit Patron Book. Here is an excerpt from his message.

*"It is wonderful that you have been able to keep up an Annual Celebration for 5 years. This is an indication that your Post and District are a working organization. Sometimes it is easy to have the start of an annual celebration but as the years pass it is easy to let it stop. Let me congratulate you on your work and on behalf of the over 800 Posts in Illinois, I urge you to keep up your good work. We in the Legion have many programs; it is active Posts like Dorie Miller #915 that makes these programs work."*

Echoing State Commander Hudson's message to Dorie Miller Post #915. In short, I am asking every Dorie Miller Post #915 Member that did not attend or purchase a ticket for our 5th annual Veterans Day celebration to please pledge and send in a donation equivalent to the cost of one ticket, \$65.00 so that this affair will be a successful fundraiser. We must move forward toward our goal of establishing a permanent Post home. It is active Posts like Dorie Miller #915 that make the American Legion programs work.

We are enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope for you to return your donation as soon as possible. In order to continue to bring these wonderful programs to fruition, we must have support from all of our members. This is our only fundraiser of the year and your donation is tax deductible. We can do this Comrades! Let's straighten out the arrow so that it depicts a straight line of success.

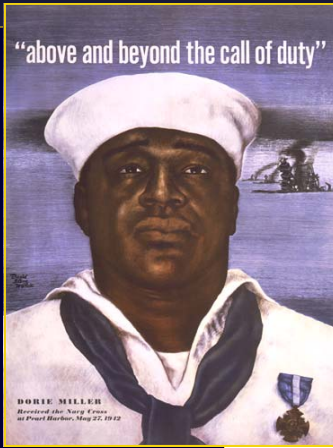
It is amazing as evident by the recent grassroots campaign of "Change" that when individuals come together for a common good what can be accomplished. Let's use the same levels of intensity in our Post to establish "Change" in The American Legion, Dorie Miller Post #915. Yes, we can do it, too!



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Also enclosed in this mailing is our 2009 Post Calendar. We have highlighted important dates and events throughout the year. Please remember that Post Meetings are now held the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Jones Armory, 5200 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, beginning at 1:00p.m. We listened to your numerous requests asking for a more suitable meeting time; voted on the issue and changed the day and time. Support the Post programs by attending meetings and signing up for one of the many standing program committees.



Just a brief reminder that the Auxiliary's 4th Annual Alexine Waterford Wilson Bey Nurses Scholarship will take place on February 14, 2009 and the 3rd Annual Veterans Planning and Projects Coalition **Job Fair** on March 13, 2009. If you or a family member are in need of employment, make certain they attend the **Job Fair** Post # 915 co-host with the VPPC, Illinois Department of Employment Security and Coyne American Institute. Check the website for more updates by visiting [www.doriemiller915.org](http://www.doriemiller915.org). Your website is continuously updated with Post news and information.

For those members who have not paid your 2008-2009 dues, we need you to send in your \$35.00 dues right away. Dues for each year begin on July 1st of each year. I would like to send a special thank-you to our Housing Committee Vice-Chairman, Raoul Smith for stepping up to the plate and acting as Chairman of the 5th Annual Veteran's Day Benefit. We need more members like Raoul to answer the call when the time and need arises.

Once again, we look forward to your supporting the 5th Annual Benefit by sending in your pledge today. Do not hesitate to contact any of the Officers of the Post if you have questions, suggestions and ideas. We would like to hear from you.

In closing, I wish to extend a wonderful and joyous holiday season to you and your family. Lets remember to keep our brothers and sisters that are fighting for our freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the globe in constant prayer. As Veterans, we know that "those that fought for it, freedom has a flavor that the protected will never know.

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Sincerely,

*Robert L. Davis*

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Post Commander

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN DECEMBER

- Dec 4 Housing Committee Meeting
- Dec 4 Executive Committee Meeting
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 20 Post Monthly Meeting
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Please make sure the Post has your telephone number and for those that use email, your current email address so that you are receiving the email & telephone communications sent out by the Post.

Feel free to contact us on the new toll-free telephone number, 1.877.915.9151.

Please visit the post website @ [www.doriemiller915.org](http://www.doriemiller915.org) for current events. Click on post calendar from the News & Events tab.



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YES

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MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE & FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dorie Miller Post 915 Memorial Center, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

**NOTE: We will mail a Commemorative Patron Book from the 5th Annual Veteran's Day Benefit upon receipt of your donation while supplies last.**

PLEASE PLACE AN X IN THE BOX APPLICABLE TO YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND

**Make Check Payable to:  
Dorie Miller Post #915  
Housing Committee.**

**Return completed information in the enclosed envelope.**



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