

2012 NAACP East St. Louis Branch
58th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet
“Together We Rise...Joining Forces for the Future”

Program

Denise Thimes, Mistress of Ceremonies

Presentation of Colors
(All elected officials on stage)

National Anthem

Sgt. Albert Williams, Scott Air Force Base

Lift Ev'ry Voice

Marabeth Gentry, National President
Gospel Choirs and Choruses

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Greetings:

Mayor Alvin Parks
City of East St. Louis, IL

U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello
Illinois 12th District
(Message from President Barack Obama)

Rev. Johnny Scott, President
NAACP East St. Louis Branch

The Occasion

Kahalal Dixon Clay, St. Clair County Circuit Clerk,
2012 Chairperson

Stanley W. Franklin
President, SW Franklin Group, Inc.
2012 Chairman of Military Participation

Head Table Recognition

2012 Leadership

Honorary Co-Chairs & Sponsors

Richard Mark, Chairman, CEO & President
Ameren Illinois

Jeff Watson, General Manager, Casino Queen

Michael McMillan, License Collector,
City of St. Louis

Congressman Jerry Costello
12th Congressional District-IL, Retiring

James Lewis Essay and Scholarship

Erin Kern, Scholarship Chair

Katrina Thomas, Essay Contest Chair

Presentation by Essay Winner

*“Celebrating a Partnership...The NAACP and Our
Armed Forces”*

Lora Jones,
Lawson Awards

Special Tribute:

Tuskegee Airmen: The Hugh J. White Chapter
President, Clara White

U.S. Air Force

U.S. Air Force and Armed Forces Based at Scott Air
Force Base Accepted by Lt. Gen. Darren W. McDew
Commander, 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base,

Dinner
Music by the Jazz Edge Orchestra



Post Dinner

Lifetime Memberships Recognitions

Military Tributes

U.S. Air Force	Retired Lt. Colonel Walter Chase
U.S. Army	Retired Lt. Colonel Gordon Bush
U.S. Marines Montford Point Marines	Retired Lt. Anthony Chestang & President MPM Chapter
U.S. Navy U.S. Navy Reserve	Retired Lt. James Williams Lt. Commander ASE O. KUASI-GASSAWAY
American Legion	Commander John Holman
VFW	Commander Doran Beckwith

Special Awards

Judge Milton Wharton, Circuit Courts, Retiring
Presented by Kahalah Dixon Clay, 2012 Chair
St. Clair County Circuit Clerk

James Buford, President & CEO, Urban League of
Metropolitan St. Louis, Retiring
Presented by Jeff Watson, General Manger, Casino Queen
Sponsor, Honorary Co-Chair

Richard Mark, Chairman, CEO & President
Ameren Illinois, BE Top 100 African American CEOs
Presented by Michael McMillan, License Collector,
City of St. Louis, Event Co-Sponsor, Honorary Co-Chair

Closing Remarks

(all honorees and NAACP Banquet Committee come to the stage)

Benediction

Finale Promenade

See you Next Year. Hold the Date!

Sunday, October 20, 2013

Millinneum Riverfront Hotel