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**SCHAKOWSKY HONORS  
WORLD WAR II VETERAN**

**CHICAGO, IL - During a ceremony in the 9th Congressional District Chicago office, U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) honored Mr. Erwin Jacobson, a World War II veteran, for his selfless service to our nation.[]**

**"Every American is indebted to brave soldiers like Erwin Jacobson who fought for our freedom and won a victory against all odds.[] It is my honor to stand with a member of the 'Greatest Generation,'" Schakowsky said**

**Mr. Jacobson is a longtime resident of Skokie.[] He has spent years attempting to obtain medals related to his military service and recently contacted Schakowsky seeking her assistance.[] Almost 60 years after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, Mr. Jacobson, a retired small business owner, finally received his medals and due recognition from the US government following Schakowsky's intervention.[][][]**

**Mr. Jacobson, who served in the Army during WW II from 1942 to 1945, was honorably discharged on December 10, 1945.[] During his time with the 715 Amphibious Corps as Radio Repairman, he participated in the invasion of Saipan and Tinian in the Mariana Islands in the North Pacific Island.[] His unit received the Presidential Unit Citation.[] In 1993, he began trying in earnest to secure his medals.[] In one of his many letters to the Army Personnel Center, Mr. Jacobson wrote, "*I do not wish to be decorated posthumously.*" In another letter he said, "*I would like to receive these medals while I am still alive.*"**

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**Mr. Jacobson has stated that he wishes to pass on his decorations to his only grandchild.[] She is now 10 years old.[] The medals awarded to Mr. Jacobson were:**

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- . Presidential Unit Citation
- . Good Conduct Medal
- . American Campaign Medal
- . Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 bronze service star
- . World War II Victory Medal
- . Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII