

# Saluting WWII vets

Local World War II veterans were saluted in an early Veterans Day ceremony at Aurora University Friday.

Aurora residents honored were Jack Roderick, U.S. Navy; Don Thompson, U.S. Navy; and Wilbur Ericson U.S. Coast Guard; Ray Moore, U.S. Army Air Corps; Norman Rebenstrorf, U.S. Navy; and Richard Miller, U.S. Navy.

The AU Veterans Association (AUVA) and Social Work Association, student groups, co-sponsored the second annual ceremony in the university banquet hall.



The AU chorale, directed by Lisa Fredenburgh, AU music department chair, opened the ceremony by leading the audience in the national anthem.

John Birkey, AUVA president, reflected on events of World War II. AU Chaplain Mark Woolfington offered a benediction to close the ceremony.

David Dial, AU chair of criminal justice, coordinated program.

PHOTO: World War II veterans (seated) greet a visitor after an Aurora University tribute Friday. From left seated are Aurorans Jack Roderick, U.S. Navy; Don Thompson, U.S. Navy; and Wilbur Ericson U.S. Coast Guard. The AU Veterans Association and Social Work Association, student groups, co-sponsored the second annual early Veterans Day ceremony in the university banquet hall. (Al Benson photo)