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Events: Medal of Honor

A hundred years after he earned it, Sgt Henry Lincoln Johnson was awarded the Medal of Honor this year – the first African American to receive it. Johnson was one of the famed Harlem Hellfighters who fought during WWI, and *The Skanner's* former multimedia editor, Helen Silvis, won a national community service award for her series on his case. President Barack Obama presented the award to a representative from the New York National Guard on June 2. *The Skanner* Publisher Bernie Foster attended the event, as did Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish.

President Barack Obama bestowing the Medal of Honor posthumously to Henry Johnson at the White House



Henry Johnson received the Medal of Honor for saving the life of a fellow soldier attacked by German soldiers in France during World War I; he was awarded the highest military honor awarded by the French government but never even received a Purple Heart in the United States.



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The Skanner Publisher Bernie Foster, right, with New York National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Wilson at the White House ceremonies

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