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## **World War II Veteran to be honored at Tennessee National Guard African American History Month Observance**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Seventy-one years have passed since Tennessean and World War II veteran Pfc. Henry R. Shaw enlisted in the United States Army at Camp Forest, in Tullahoma, Tenn. On **Feb. 11, 2014**, he will be recognized by Maj. Gen. Terry “Max” Haston, the Adjutant General of Tennessee, with two military awards he earned in wartime yet, was never formally presented.

The ceremony is scheduled **at 10 a.m.** in the **Hall of Flags at the Tennessee National Guard Joint Task Force Headquarters (Hugh Mott Building), 3041 Sidco Dr., Nashville, Tenn.**, in conjunction with the Guard’s African American History Month Observance. Maj. Gen. Haston will present the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars and the World War II Victory Medal for his honorable service and contribution to the Allied Forces’ victory in Europe. During his duty with the 4056th Quartermaster Service Company, he served in numerous locations supporting combat missions in Normandy and Paris, France, as well as Bastogne, Belgium.

“I am honored to present these two distinguished wartime medals to Pfc. Shaw. The recognition of his patriotic service to our nation is well overdue,” said Maj. Gen. Haston, concerning the lengthy oversight. “I have often stated there are heroes among us, and Pfc. Shaw truly exemplifies that spirit.”

Shaw was born in Nashville and was married to the late Jessie B. Shaw. Together they had nine children. Many of his children, family and friends will be attending the event to honor his service.

**Media are welcomed and encouraged to attend this award ceremony.**

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