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White House Brews Its Own Beer; Obama Shares A Drink With Dakota Meyer, Medal Of Honor Recipient

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Talk about an all-American beer.

Barack Obama and the White House chefs have been brewing beer for quite some time, and on Wednesday, the [president shared some of the White House Honey Ale with a Medal of Honor recipient](#).

Former Marine Sgt. Dakota Meyer had requested to [share a beer with the president before the ceremony](#), CBS reports.

The Honey Ale is the first beer brewed in the White House, but Obama is not the first president to take on the hobby, according to historians.

Thomas Jefferson and George Washington were brewing aficionados, but Jefferson never made beer at the White House, and Washington, of course, never lived there, [White House curator Bill Allman told NPR](#).

Early reports of the [White House-brewed beer](#) began circulating after Obama offered it to guests during the Super Bowl this year, CBS reports. The beer was also consumed on St. Patty's Day.

Obama Foodorama, a blog focusing on the administration's food and nutrition initiatives, reports that the Honey Ale isn't the only beer that's been brewed by the chefs. A [White House Honey Blonde](#) and a [White House Honey Porter](#) have also been created.

The Obamas [paid for all of the brewing equipment](#) out of pocket, according to CBS.

The casual meeting between Obama and Meyer didn't end without controversy, though.

[White House staffers Tweeted a photo](#) of the two men talking over drinks Wednesday, which elicited both sincere praise and snarky remarks about the president, the *Washington Post* points out.

Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor on Thursday for his service in Afghanistan.

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