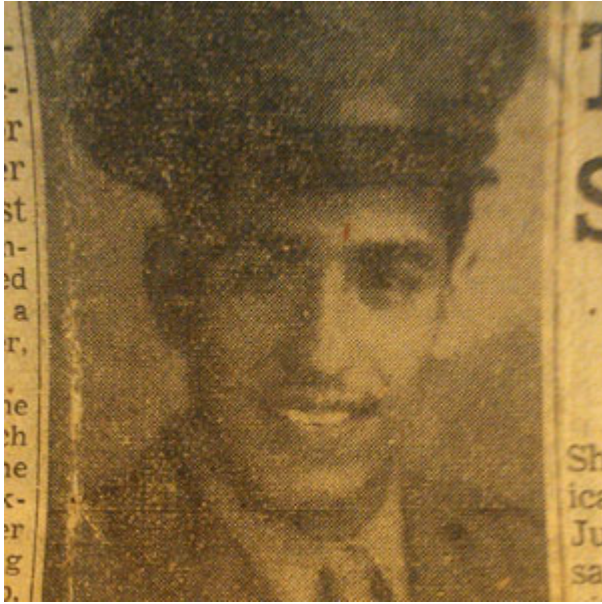




Private Joe Gandara
MEDAL OF HONOR
WORLD WAR II



Posthumous

Location of Action: Amfreville, France

Date of Action: June 9, 1944

Service Dates: 1942/43 – June 9, 1944

Hometown: Santa Monica, California

Medal of Honor candidate Pvt. Joe Gandara was born in Santa Monica, Calif., on April 25, 1924. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in between 1942-1943.

Gandara is being recognized for his heroic actions while serving with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division on June 9, 1944, in Amfreville, France. His detachment came under devastating enemy fire from a strong German force, pinning the men to the ground for a period of four hours. Gandara advanced voluntarily and alone toward the enemy position and destroyed three hostile machine-guns before he was fatally wounded.

Miriam Theresa Adams will be accepting the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of her uncle.