



Sergeant Victor H. Espinoza
MEDAL OF HONOR
KOREAN WAR



Posthumous

Location of Action: Chorwon, Korea

Date of Action: August 1, 1952

Service Dates: unknown

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Medal of Honor candidate Sgt. Victor H. Espinoza, was born in El Paso, Texas, July 15, 1929.

Then-Cpl. Victor H. Espinoza is being recognized for his actions on Aug. 1, 1952 at Chorwon, Korea. While spearheading an attack to secure "Old Baldy," Espinoza's unit was pinned down by withering fire from fortified positions. In daring succession, Espinoza single-handedly silenced a machine-gun and its crew, discovered and destroyed a covert enemy tunnel, and wiped out two bunkers. His actions inspired his unit and enabled them to secure the strong-point against great odds.

After leaving the Army, Espinoza resided in El Paso, Texas until his death on April 17, 1986. Espinoza is buried at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

Tyronne Espinoza will be accepting the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of his father.