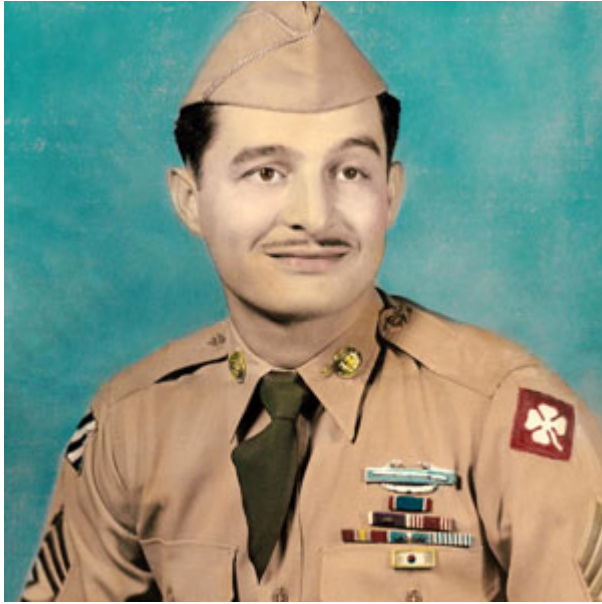




Master Sergeant Juan E. Negron
MEDAL OF HONOR
KOREAN WAR



Posthumous

Location of Action: Kalma-Eri, Korea

Date of Action: April 28, 1951

Service Dates: unknown

Hometown: Corozal, Puerto Rico

Medal of Honor candidate Master Sgt. Juan E. Negron was born in Corozal, Puerto Rico.

Then-Sgt. Juan E. Negron distinguished himself on April 28, 1951, near Kalmaeri, Korea. Negron held the most vulnerable position on his company's exposed right flank, after an enemy force had overrun a section of the line. When notified that elements of the company were withdrawing, Negron refused to leave his exposed position, but delivered withering fire at hostile troops who had broken through a road block. When the hostile troops approached his position, Negron accurately hurled hand grenades at short range, halting their attack. Negron held the position throughout the night, while an allied counter attack was organized and launched. After the enemy had been repulsed, fifteen enemy dead were found only a few feet from Negron's position.

Following the war, Negron returned to the U.S. and remained on active duty. He served a total of 23 years and achieved the rank of master sergeant. His positions included senior noncommissioned officer for the Directorate of Doctrine, which would help define the Army's combat strategy, and Army inspector general in Thailand. Upon retirement, Negron was very involved in education and entered into federal service in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Iris Nereida Negron-Febus will be accepting the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of her father.