



Private Pedro Cano  
**MEDAL OF HONOR**  
WORLD WAR II



**Posthumous**

**Location of Action:** Schevenhütte, Germany

**Date of Action:** December 2-3, 1944

**Service Dates:** 1944 – unknown

**Hometown:** La Morita, Mexico

Medal of Honor candidate Pvt. Pedro Cano was born in La Morita, Mexico on June 19, 1920. He joined the U.S. Army in 1944, during World War II.

Cano is being recognized for his valorous actions while serving with Company C, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division in the months-long battle of Hurtgen Forest. He was advancing with his company near Schevenhütte, Germany, in December 1944, when the unit met heavy enemy resistance. During a two-day period, Cano eliminated nearly 30 enemy troops. Sometime later, while on patrol, Cano and his platoon were surprised by German soldiers who caused numerous casualties within their platoon. Cano lay motionless on the ground until the assailants closed in, then tossed a grenade into their midst, wounding or killing all of them. It was in this engagement, or shortly thereafter, that Cano sustained serious injuries.

He was returned to the United States and placed in a veterans' hospital in Waco, Texas, after which, he returned home to his wife, Herminia Garva and daughter, Dominga Cano in Edinburg, Texas. Cano would pass away six years later. Posthumously, Cano received the Texas Legislature Medal of Honor. A school in Edinburg, Texas is named after Cano.

Dominga C. Perez will accept the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of her father.