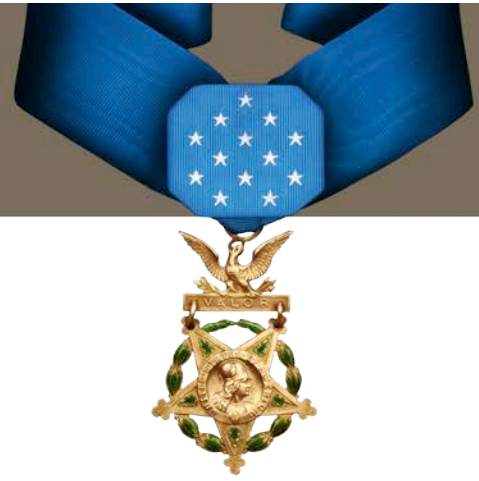




Sergeant Jack Weinstein
MEDAL OF HONOR
KOREAN WAR



Posthumous

Location of Action: Kumson, Korea

Date of Action: Oct. 19, 1951

Service Dates: 1950 – UNKNOWN

Hometown: Lamar, Missouri

Medal of Honor candidate Sgt. Jack Weinstein was born in Lamar, Mo., Oct. 18, 1928.

He was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1950.

Weinstein is being recognized for his exceptionally valorous actions while serving with Company G, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division on Oct. 19, 1951, in the vicinity of Kumson, Korea. Weinstein was in the lead as the first platoon of Company G attempted to take an enemy-held position. After gaining the ground, the platoon, consisting of two five-man squads, was hit by a fierce counterattack by about 30 fanatical Chinese Communist troops. Most of the members of the platoon had been wounded in the previous action and withdrew under the heavy attack. Weinstein remained in his position and continued to fight off the rushing enemy. At least six of the enemy were killed by Weinstein's M-1 rifle before he ran out of ammunition. Although under extremely heavy enemy fire, he refused to withdraw and continued fighting by throwing enemy hand grenades which were lying near his position. Alone and un-aided he held the ground his platoon had fought hard to take. He held out against overwhelming odds until another platoon was able to relieve him and drive-back the enemy. Weinstein's leg had been broken by an enemy grenade and old wounds suffered in previous battles had reopened, but he refused to do withdraw until wounded comrades could reach friendly lines.

After a year and a half in Korea, Weinstein returned home, married, and settled in Saint Francis, Kansas. Weinstein passed away on April 20, 2006.

Nancy Weinstein will accept the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of her husband.