



Sergeant First Class Eduardo C. Gomez
MEDAL OF HONOR
KOREAN WAR



Posthumous

Location of Action: Tabu-dong, Korea

Date of Action: Sept. 3, 1950

Service Dates: Feb. 9, 1949 – unknown

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Medal of Honor candidate Sgt. 1st Class Eduardo C. Gomez, was born in Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 28, 1919.

Then-Sgt. Eduardo Gomez distinguished himself while serving with Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division, Sept. 3, 1950, at Tabu-dong, Korea. While readying defensive positions, his company was ruthlessly attacked by a hostile force. Notably, Gomez maneuvered across open ground to successfully assault a manned tank. Wounded in the left side while returning to his position, he refused medical care, instead manning his post and firing upon the enemy. Although his weapon overheated and burned his hands and his painful wound still bled, he maintained his stand and, upon orders to withdraw in the face of overwhelming enemy superiority, remained to provide protective fire. Then, retiring slowly, he continued to pour accurate fire into the ranks of the enemy, which exacted a heavy toll in enemy casualties and retarded the enemy's advance.

Pete Corral will accept the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of his uncle.