



Private Miguel A. Vera
MEDAL OF HONOR
KOREAN WAR



Posthumous

Location of Action: Chorwon, Korea

Date of Action: Sept. 21, 1952

Service Dates: unknown – Sept. 21, 1952

Hometown: Puerto Rico

Medal of Honor candidate Pvt. Miguel Armando "Nando" Vera was born in Puerto Rico. Vera joined the U.S. Army when he was 17-years-old.

Vera is being recognized for his heroic actions while serving with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Chorwon, Korea, Sept. 21, 1952. On that date, Vera's unit was committed to assault and secure the right sector of "Old Baldy" and, although wounded in an earlier engagement, Vera voluntarily rejoined elements of the platoon regrouping at the base of the hill to resume the attack. Forging up the bare, rocky slope in skirmisher formation, the troops came within twenty yards of hostile positions when they were subjected to heavy artillery and mortar barrages and intense cross-fire from automatic weapons and grenades, which forced them to move back. He selflessly remained behind to cover the withdrawal and, maintaining a determined stand, poured crippling fire into enemy emplacements. During this action he lost his life.

Jose (Joe) Ramon Rodriguez will accept the Medal of Honor award from President Barack Obama on March 18, 2014 on behalf of his uncle. .