

Appreciation Certificate

TO THE FAMILY OF OUR HONORED WESTMINSTER HERO

Ramón J. Medina, PFC US Army - WWII

With Deepest Gratitude For the Sacrifice of PFC Medina. He was inducted on Feb. 28, 1944. On March 26, 1945 attacking across the Rhine River, Germany against strong German defenses with K Co. of the 353rd Reg. Ramón was hit by enemy fire from across the river. His Legacy, His Practical-Joking side, and Spirit Live on!

PFC Medina's Distinguished Service is an Inspiration To All!

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PFC MEDINA, RAMÓN J., U.S. Army WWII

Ramón was born on November 18, 1925 in El Paso, Texas the first-born to Tomasa Medina (Guardado) and Francisco Medina.

As a young man of about 15 years of age, around November or December 1940, he moved to Westminster, California ahead of the rest of his family, seeking work to help the family. His maternal grandparents already lived in Westminster so he had a ready place to stay. He did find employment working mainly in near-by farms picking various seasonal crops. When he had free-time he made friends around town, and in time entrenched himself as one of the boys.

A practical joker especially with his siblings, he once victimized himself thinking he would scare his sisters and their friends by choosing a Pachuco Zoot Suit for that year's Halloween costume. The girls turned the tables on him when he approached them unexpectedly, and they let out a wild scream, where-upon Ramón made an about-face and hurriedly walked away.

Ramón was inducted into the army on February 28th, 1944. The 89th Infantry Division is where he was destined to serve. On March 26, 1945 while attacking across the Rhine River in Germany against strong German defenses, with K Co. of the 353 Regiment, Ramón was hit by enemy fire from across the river, and as now believed, he tumbled in the water to be at first listed as Missing-in-Action. Subsequently, his KIA date was determined to be 26 March 1945. His grave is at the cemetery in Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas his birthplace.