

# ICHIRO MIYASAKI

Korean War

Private Company K, 180th Infantry Regt. 45th Infantry  
Division U.S. Army  
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Sugar City, Idaho



Ichiro “Roy” Miyasaki was born to Kitaro and Mitsu Miyasaki and spent his childhood working on a farm with his family in Idaho. He attended the Burton and Sugar Salem Schools and Ricks College. His athleticism, integrity, dependability and modesty earned him the honor of serving as high school senior class president. Miyasaki entered U.S. Army service in August, 1951 and received infantry training at Camp Roberts, California. In April, 1952, he departed for overseas duty.

While on a mission to take an area between two hills in Tummyong-Dong, Korea, Private Miyasaki and his platoon fought through heavy mortar, artillery and automatic weapons fire. Though wounded during this action he refused evacuation or medical treatment and continued the fight with his unit until they repelled the attacking enemy.

The Americans then countered the attack until a bunker holding six enemy soldiers halted their forward advance. Miyasaki rushed the bunker with an automatic rifle and neutralized it. This position was then assaulted repeatedly by the enemy while Miyasaki gallantly defended it. He was killed during one of the attacks. For his actions that day, Ichiro “Roy” Miyasaki received the second highest medal for heroism, the Distinguished Service Cross.