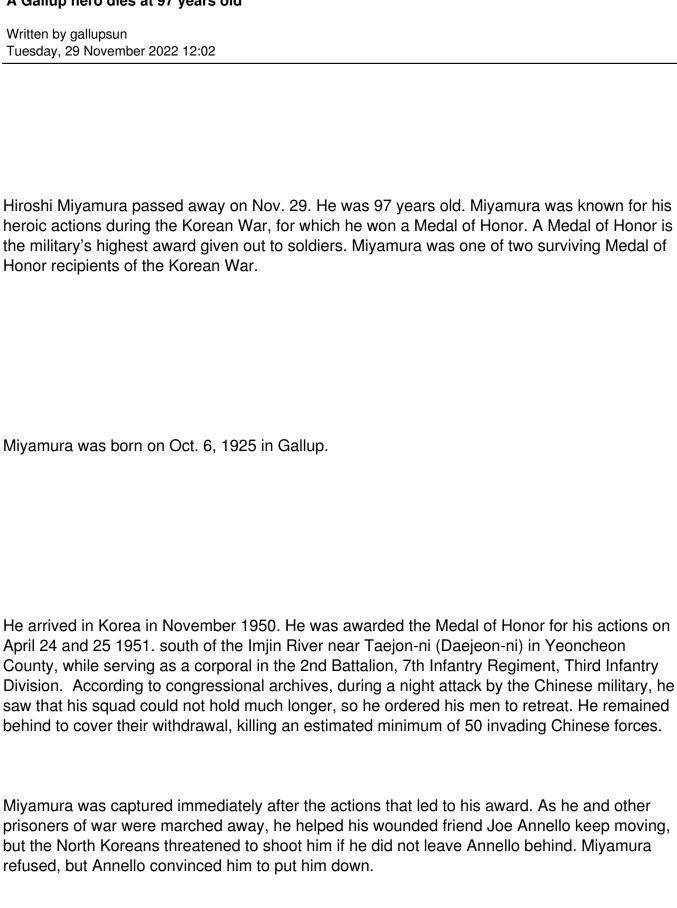
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Annello survived the war and later visited Miyamura in Gallup.

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Miyamura's was the first Medal of Honor to be classified Top Secret. As Brigadier General Ralph Osborne explained to Miyamura and a group of reporters upon notifying them of his medal, "If the Reds knew what he had done to a good number of their soldiers just before he was taken prisoner, they might have taken revenge on this young man. He might not have come back."

Miyamura was held for 28 months. Following his release on August 20, 1953, he was informed that he had been awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted to sergeant. He was repatriated to the United States and honorably discharged from the military shortly thereafter. His medal was presented to him by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on October 1953 at the White House.

Dave Cuellar, head of the Veterans Helping Veterans, explained why Miyamura was an inspiration for himself and the Gallup community.

"He's inspirational because he was the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, but more than that it was the way he conducted himself in the neighborhood. I don't know how to explain

it, he was just a very nice guy," Cuelllar said.

