



Sergeant George Aspromatis
U. S. Army – Korea

George Aspromatis answered the call of the “draft” and enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 6, 1949 as an eighteen year old ready to serve his country during the Korean War. In 1950 he was sent to Korea as a “forward observer” and was never far from the front line, danger or death. He was in “B” Battery, Ace Field Artillery Battalion – 25th Infantry Division when he landed at Pusan, Korea.

On the night of April 26, 1951, near Sang-ni, Korea, then Corporal Aspromatis infiltrated enemy lines under the cover of darkness (as was the mission of a forward observer). As he traveled back to his Unit, the Unit came under attack by a much larger hostile force. He moved forward to try to contact the Unit at a pre-designated area. Hearing voices in the distance, he called out to his comrades only to be answered by volleys of enemy rifle fire. Although armed only with a pistol, he quickly silenced the enemy before rejoining his men and leading them to the company assembly area. On August 25, 1951 he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device for heroic achievement, the Korean Service Medal with 5 Stars, and ROK Presidential Unit Citation, among several other awards over the time he served.

On July 18, 1951 Sergeant Aspromatis was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving in Korea. Sgt. Aspromatis came home from the war but was haunted by the memories of the “Forgotten War” until his passing on June 29, 2012 at the age of 80 years.

Sergeant Aspromatis was a board member of the Korea War Memorial of Mercer County and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Shenango Valley Post 1338, Sharon.

With his wife, Irene, whom he married January 25, 1953, he raised a family consisting of two daughters, Dahline and Irene.