



**Wilfred
Vargas**
Marine Corps

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Nov 23, 1923 -

BIRTHPLACE: Salina, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Srgt.

DIVISION: Marine Corps

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Dec 11, 1942 - Nov 21, 0946

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Wilfred Vargas was born in Salina, KS. number seven of eight children When his father, Benjamin was shot and died, his mother moved the family to Nebraska and then to Colorado, looking for work and shelter. When Paula Ramirez Vargas passed in 1932, Wilfred and his Brother Alfred, the youngest in the family, went to stay at the St. Joseph orphanage in Abilene, KS. During his stay in Abilene, Vargas saw Dwight Eisenhower sitting on the family home porch. Vargas enlisted and served in the Marine Corps. His training was in San Diego his commission was in the communications unit. Vargas served in the Marshal Island and Saipan in the Pacific. Vargas had recently turned 100 at the time of the interview in November of 2023.