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### Miguel/Michael Angel Freije\*

1913 - 1944

Private: United States Army

World War II

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\*He adopted the anglicized name Michael, which first appears on his draft registration, most likely when he moved from Puerto Rico to the continental United States.

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## 1933 Passenger List from New York to Puerto Rico

"Puerto Rico, U.S, Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1901-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 28, 2024), entry for Miguel A Freije, San Juan, Puerto Rico, United States.

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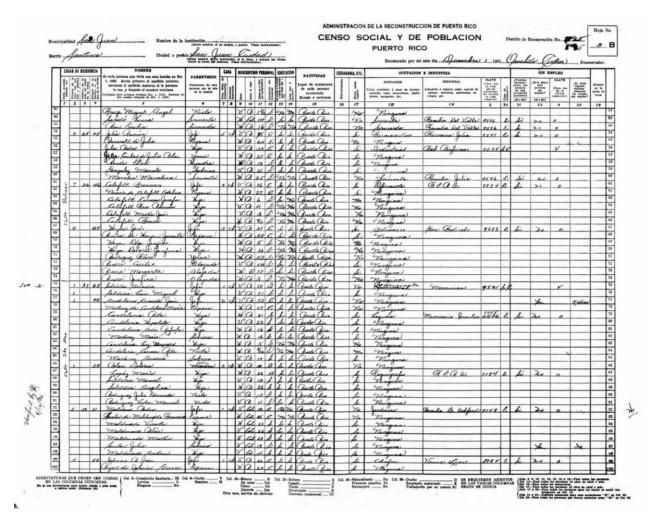
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1937 Passenger List from Puerto Rico to New York

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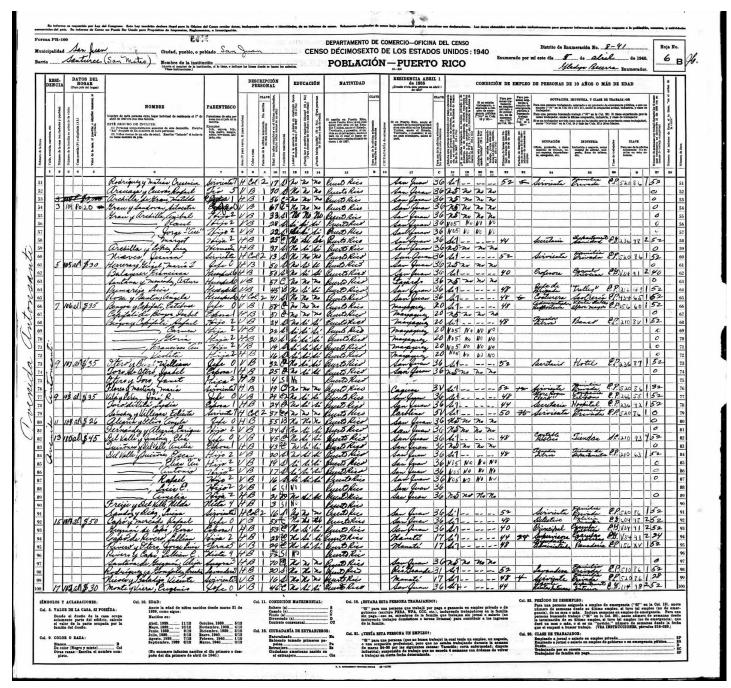
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# Michael Freije World War II Draft Card

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 28, 2024), entry for Miguel Angel Freije, Jacksonville, Florida.

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### Michael's Ex-Wife in the 1940 United States Census

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 28, 2024), entry for Amelia Del Valle Y Quiñones, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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# **Marriage License Application**

"Florida Marriages, 1830-1993," database. *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael Angel Freije and Helen Spears, Duval County, Florida.

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# **Marriage to Helen Spears**

"Florida Marriages, 1830-1993," database. *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael Angel Freije and Helen Spears, Florida City, Dade County, Florida.

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:234G-SB4

# **Michael Freije Called For Physical Exam**

"New Tampa Group to Have Physicals at State Center," Tampa Times, August 27, 1943.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/332897190/?terms=michael%20angel%20freije&match=1

#### Transcription:

"Eighty-nine men called by Selective Service Boards 3 and 5 left Tampa today for Camp Blanding.

There, they will take physical examinations preparatory to induction into the armed forces.

Three men listed by Board 3 are living elsewhere and were called up through out-of-Tampa boards.

A list of those who left today follows: "

(A sequence of names follows, of which "Michael Angel Freije, 107 ½ Columbus Dr." is listed in Selective Service Board 3.)

#### Michael Freije Sent to Camp Blanding

"2 Tampa Draft Boards Send 92 Men To Camp," Tampa Times, August 28, 1943.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/327606048/?terms=michael%20angel%20freije&match=1

#### Transcription:

"Two Tampa draft boards sent 92 men to Camp Blanding for induction into military service yesterday. Boards Nos. 3 and 5 each sent 46 men.

The list follows: "

(A sequence of names follows, of which "Michael Angel Freije, 107 ½ Columbus dr." is listed in Selective Service Board No. 3.)

Full Name	Michael A Freije Sr
Army Serial Number	34975022
Enlistment Place	Ft McPherson Atlanta Georgia
Enlistment Date	28 Mar 1944
Army Branch	No branch assignment
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	White
Residence	Duval County, Florida
Enlistment Term	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law
Source Of Army Personnel	Civil Life
Army Component	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
Level Of Education	3 years of college
Occupation	Skilled pattern and model makers, except paper
Marital Status	Married
Birth Date	1916
Birth Place	Puerto Rico (Including Virgin Islands And Cuba)
Source Box Number	0876
Source Film Reel Number	3.298
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

### **World War II Enlistment Record**

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael Angel Freije, Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia.

 $\underline{https://www.fold3.com/record/88524433/michael-a-freije-sr-us-wwii-army-enlistment-records-\underline{1938-1946}$ 

Full Name	Freije, Michael A
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## **World War II Hospital Admission**

"US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael Angel Freije, Service Number 34975022.

 $\underline{https://www.fold3.com/record/705590271/freije-michael-a-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954}$ 

## **Michael Freije Listed as Casualty**

"Florida Service Casualties Are Listed by Army," Bradenton Herald (FL), February 14, 1945.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/682821667/?terms=helen%20freije&match=1

#### Summary:

2,858 casualties in the European Theater were announced by the War Department including "Freije, Michael A., husband of Mrs. Helen S. Freije, Jacksonville."

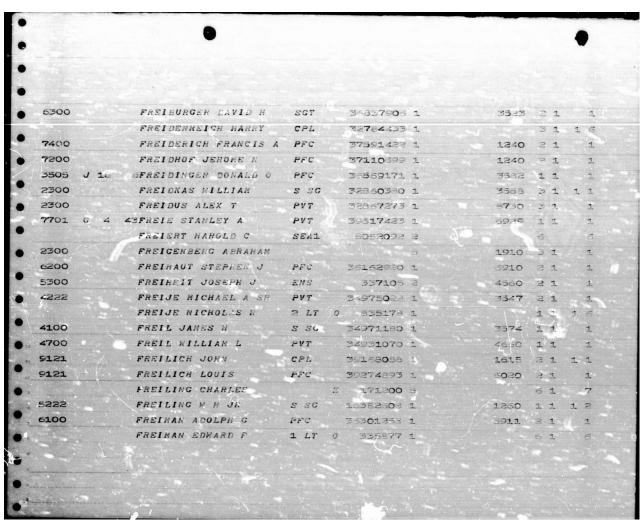
### Michael Freije Listed as Army Killed

"Florida Casualties," Tampa Tribune, February 15, 1945.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/327098579/?terms=michael%20freije&match=1

#### Summary:

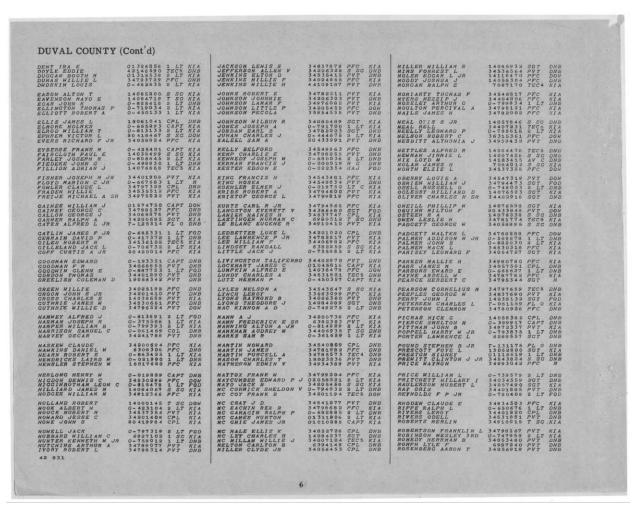
This article is a list of war casualties by military branch and type of casualty as reported by the War Department and the Navy Department. "Freije, Pvt. Michael A., sr., 803 Miami rd., South Jacksonville" is listed under "Army Killed."



#### **Rosters of World War II Dead**

"US, Rosters of WWII Dead, 1939-1945," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael A Freije, Service Number 34975022.

https://www.fold3.com/image/712941675?rec=641623275



#### **World War II Honor List Duval County**

"US, World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces Personnel, 1946," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael A Freije, Sr., Service Number 34975022.

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**Interment in St. Augustine National Cemetery** 

"U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael A Freije, St. Augustine National Cemetery.

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Private, Company L. 101st Infantry, 26th Division, World War II. Re-interred from Limey-Toul Cemetery, France 21 April 1948. (or 1949) Florida: 22 July 1913 to 2 December 1944. Next of kin; Helen Freije, Wife, Shelbyville, Michigan.

(The 26th Division began its combat operations during October 1944. The division was part of the forces which pushed the Germans back to their border defenses. The 101st Regiment. attached to the 4th Armored Division, fought a series of savage battles against heavy German resistance east of the Sarre River and helped capture Sarre-Union in house to house fighting during which Freije was killed).

#### St. Augustine National Cemetery Index and Biographical Guide

Department of Military Affairs, St. Augustine National Cemetery Index and Biographical Guide: Preliminary Abridged Edition (St. Augustine, FL: St. Francis Barracks Special Archives, 1989), 206.

https://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00047708/00001/images/206

Name	Michael A Freije Jr
Death Age	31
Birth Date	22 Jul 1913
Death Date	2 Dec 1944
Interment Date	21 Apr 1949
Interment Place	Florida, USA
Cemetery Address	104 Marine Street St. Augustine, FL 32084
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## Michael Freije Veterans Gravesite

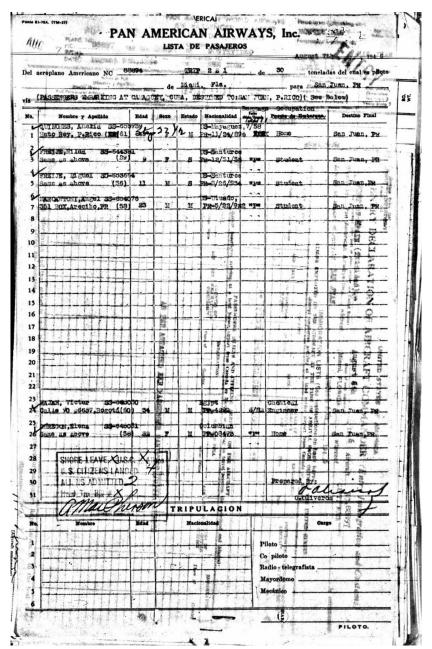
"U.S., Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Michael A Freije, Saint Augustine National Cemetery.

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Michael Freije's Headstone in St. Augustine National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Michael A Freije Sr*, photograph, 2023, St. Augustine National Cemetery, St. Augustine, FL.



Michael's Children on a 1946 Passenger List from Miami to Puerto Rico

"Puerto Rico, U.S, Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1901-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Nilda Freije, San Juan, Puerto Rico, United States.

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Michael's Children on a 1947 Passenger List from Puerto Rico to

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"U.S., Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1966," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed March 29, 2024), entry for Nilda Freije, Miami, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/390597:60882

#### Michael's Children Reunite With Their Mother

"Reyes Family Reunited Here," Miami Herald, June 23, 1947.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/617732122/?terms=miguel%20angel%20freije&match=1

#### Transcription:

"A family reunion is in progress at 604 N. W. 26th st., where Eduardo Reyes and his wife, Amelita del Valle de Reyes, now are making their home. It began Saturday night with the arrival via Pan American from San Juan, Puerto Rico, of the Reyes' daughter, Nilda Marguerita Freije and their son, Miguel Angel Freije.

Accompanying the children to the Miami home of their parents was their grandmother, Mrs. Amelia del Valle Quinones, who will be with the family for several months. Later, she plans to go to New York.

Mr. Reyes is manager of the Dade County International Center, 327 E. Flagler st., and he and his wife have been living in Miami for the past year."