



**Richard
Overton**

Army

Richard Overton

May 11, 1906 - Dec 27, 2018

BIRTHPLACE: Bastrop County, Texas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Technician 5th grade

DIVISION: Army, 188th Engineer Aviation Battalion
(Colored)

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Sep 3, 1940 - 1945

BATTLE: South Pacific Theater

MILITARY HONORS: Combat Infantryman Badge
Bronze Star Medal US Army Good Conduct Medal
American Defense Service Medal Asiatic-Pacific
Campaign Medal World War II Victory Medal
Meritorious Unit Commendation Expert Rifle
Marksmanship Badge

BIOGRAPHY

Richard served in the US Army between 1940 and 1945. He served in the South Pacific, including stops in Hawaii, Guam, Palau, and Iwo Jima. He left the U.S. Army in October 1945 as a technician fifth grade. Overton worked at local furniture stores before taking a position with the Texas Department of the Treasury (now part of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts) in Austin. He was married twice but did not have any children. He was an American supercentenarian who at the age of 112 years, 230 days was the oldest verified surviving U.S. World War II veteran and oldest man in the United States. In 2013, he was honored by President Barack Obama. He resided in Austin, Texas, from 1945 until his death in 2018. Courtesy of Wikipedia