



**Orval
Flinn**
Army

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Jan 3, 1913 - Jun 5, 2005

BIRTHPLACE: Onaga, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

HONORED BY: Wife, Mrs. Ruth Flinn

BIOGRAPHY

Orval L. Flinn and his brother Glen E. Flinn were inducted into military service on March 18, 1942 at Fort Leavenworth, KS. They both were then sent to Fort Roberts, CA to receive their basic training. Orval was then transferred to Louisiana for maneuvers and then deployed to the Pacific Theater of the war. Orval specialty was as a machine gunner. He was in the battles of the Philippines and fought at Guadalcanal, Luzon, Corregidor, the Fiji Islands and New Zealand. He was awarded the following Military Decorations: Asian Pacific Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze star, and the World War Victory Medal. After his discharge, Orval returned to Onaga, KS and worked on the railroad. Later he moved to Abilene, KS and worked as a Mechanic at Ronald Rice Motors. He then was employed by Duckwall Company where he worked in their warehouse as Order Filler until he retired. Orval was a member of the Eagles Club, the VFW, and a Life Member of the Disabled American Veteran's (DAV). Orval was married to Ruth Helen Anthony in 1958.