



**Richard  
Overton**

*Army*

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May 11, 1906 - Dec 27, 2018

**BIRTHPLACE:** Bastrop County, Texas

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### 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

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### 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