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Patriot of the Month



**James Howard
Oliver, Sr.**

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James Howard Oliver, Sr. was born in 1921, now attaining the age of ninety one. He attended grades one through eight at Jacksonville, Missouri and graduated from Macon High School in 1938.

Enlisting in the United States Army, on October 8, 1942, he was sworn in at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. He went to Camp Barkley, Texas for basic medical training and then transferred to Camp Wheeler, Georgia for more basic medical training, close order drill and rifle training.

In preparation for an upcoming overseas assignment, James transferred to Camp Anza, California for further training. He spent twenty eight months in the Chine Burma and India Theater with the 234th General Hospital. James worked as a nurse's aide. He also experienced working in a tent hospital on the battlefield.

James was discharged on October 27, 1945 as a T-5. He does not remember what medals he received.

In his civilian career, James worked in the auto-body shop at Fennels for thirty-two years and at DuPont in maintenance for four years.

James married Jo Anna Brengarth on February 1, 1947. She passed away in 2007. They had four children. There are nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

James is a Mason and a former Ararat Shriner. He is member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.