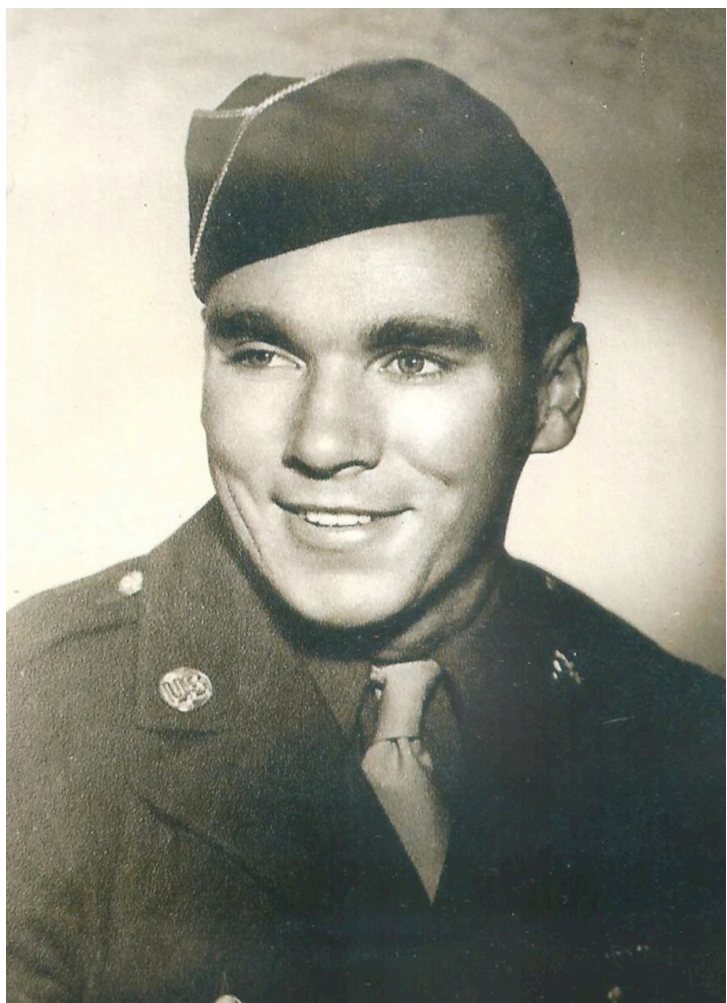




**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
November 2013**



Richard G. Stover

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Richard Stover served in the 61st Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division of the U. S. Army from December 1942 to January 1946. He was stationed at Camp Kohler in California and was sent from there to Presquile de Vitol where his unit fought in the capture of Guadalcanal. After the capture of Guadalcanal, the 25th defended the island against any Japanese counterattacks and improved the facilities which would be used as a base for further operations in the Solomons. Next the 161st was sent to New Georgia on July



22 and was attached to the 37th Infantry Division which was already on the island. With the Allied forces in control the division was returned back to Guadalcanal and then moved on to New Zealand. In February, 1944 the division was on its way to New Caledonia for extended training. They trained on land and water rehearsing amphibious landings on the beaches of Presquile de Vitol and in the late fall of 1944 became part of an invasion force bound for Luzon. The plan was for the division to take part in the invasion of Japan, however, the war ended before the call for the 25th and they were moved to Japan to help with occupation duties. On November 1, 1945, the 161st Infantry was inactivated and replaced by the Regular 4th Infantry. Richard was discharged January 22, 1946.

Medals and Awards Richard earned were the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

Richard married Dorothy A. Stover, and they have three daughters, one granddaughter, one grandson, and one-great grandson. In civilian life, Richard was in electrical construction. He is a member of the John Knox Presbyterian Kirk.

The members of the Prairie Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are proud to nominate Richard Stover as Patriot of the Month and wish to extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.