

Star 28

Sergeant Richard D. Tupta (1921-1994) served in the 43rd Infantry Division during World War II. He took part in three beachhead landings in New Guinea and the Philippines between July 19, 1944 and Sept. 29, 1945. The Purple Heart and 2 Bronze Stars are among the several medals and awards he merited for valor and service.

Richard D. Tupta was a championship runner at Cathedral Latin High in Cleveland, Ohio where he was born and raised. He was awarded a track scholarship to Notre Dame University where he was the Central Collegiate indoor and outdoor half-mile champion. He also ran on distance medley and mile relay teams that set U.S. records. After graduating he enlisted in the army and served in the Pacific theater in WW II. After the war he was a dedicated teacher, coach, loving husband, and a totally awesome father to eight children.

The memorial star was incised in memory of Sergeant Tupta by his daughter, Patricia Landy, resident of Kendall Park, New Jersey and piano teacher at Westminster Conservatory of Music.

