

**Attached is the post-event press release and Dinner Journal  
for the FBA EDNY chapter “Honoring Our Own” event.  
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On December 5, 2012, the FBA EDNY Chapter celebrated the lives and careers of five of its most treasured Jurists for their service to the Country as WWII veterans and as Article III Judges for the United States EDNY. This unique distinction belongs to the EDNY through the service of the: Hon. Leonard D. Wexler; Hon. Jack B. Weinstein; Hon. Arthur D. Spatt; Hon. Thomas C. Platt; and, Hon. I. Leo Glasser.

The program was hugely successful. Upwards of 200 attendees, including most of the Judges, Magistrates and Bankruptcy Judges for the EDNY, and various other dignitaries, enjoyed a wonderful evening of dining, entertainment (an Andrews Sisters cover act), speeches and presentations to the Honorees. We also distributed a tastefully designed Dinner Journal to each attendee. The Journal had wonderful thematic components including profiles and interviews of the Honorees as well as congratulatory ads placed by law firms of all sizes, sole practitioners, past and present law clerks and others.

The venue for the program was the American Air Power Museum (“AAPM”), located in Farmingdale, New York. The AAPM provided the perfect backdrop for our event in that it boasts among its collection many actual WWII vintage planes and other memorabilia from the war.

We opened the ceremonies with a Color Guard procession, pledge of allegiance and live performance of the National Anthem. The FBA’s own National President, Bob DeSousa, and past National President, Jim Richardson, were kind enough to take the time out of their busy schedules to attend as our Guest Speakers. Awards and Presentations were made by EDNY Chapter President, Ernest T. Bartol and the program was hosted by past EDNY Chapter President, Rob Rando.

The event provided a perfect opportunity for our local Chapter to honor the five jurists for their unique place in history and to also highlight the FBA’s National scope and breadth with its combined focus on the Judiciary and Veterans of the Armed Forces. We also enjoyed media coverage including a front page article (with photo) in the New York Law Journal.

This event can be duplicated in other Chapters on any number of broader or narrower themes (e.g., all Veteran Judges, Judges serving during specific campaigns or wars, or Judges from specific branches of the armed forces).

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If you have any questions regarding organizing a similar event for your Chapter please feel free to contact Rob Rando, the EDNY WWII Veteran Judges Program Chair. He may be reached at (516) 799-9800 or by email to [Rrando@randolawfirm.com](mailto:Rrando@randolawfirm.com).



EDNY Chapter

# *Honoring Our Ours*

The WWII  
Veteran Judges  
of the EDNY



**Honorable** I. Leo Glasser

**Honorable** Thomas C. Platt

**Honorable** Arthur D. Spatt

**Honorable** Jack B. Weinstein

**Honorable** Leonard D. Wexler

*December 5, 2012*

# Welcome

The Federal Bar Association Eastern District of New York Chapter takes great pride in welcoming you to the American Airpower Museum to honor our distinguished World War II Veteran Judges. The FBA takes great pride in being an active member of the Eastern District's legal community and strives to bring our members and our District events and presentations that reflect the changes, trends and practices in our profession.

If you are already a member of the FBA, you know how valuable it is. If not, we invite you to become a member — **right now** — so that you can also benefit from the advantages of membership.

## About the Federal Bar Association:

The FBA is dedicated to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and to promoting the welfare, interests, education, and professional development of all attorneys involved in federal law. Our members run the gamut of federal practice: attorneys practicing in small to large legal firms, attorneys in corporations and federal agencies, and members of the judiciary. The FBA is the catalyst for communication between the bar and the bench, as well as the private and public sectors. Our members include over 16,000 federal practitioners and 900 members of the bench.

The FBA is one of the nation's foremost voices on behalf of federal practitioners and issues that impact the federal judiciary. Whether it is working with an oversight agency on new regulations that could impact federal practice or acting as an advocate on a particular initiative - the FBA advances effective practice before the federal bench. More info about the FBA can be found on the internet at [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org).

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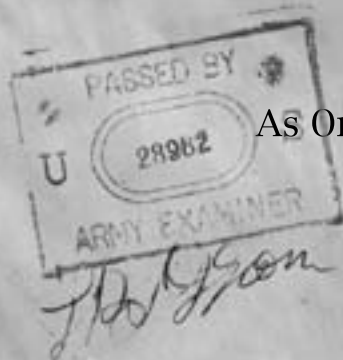
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**ORDERS** Effective Immediately

To all members and guests of the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of New York:

You are hereby ordered to present yourself in person to the **American Airpower Museum** in Farmingdale, New York, ready to enjoy, participate and partake of the activities, festivities and opportunities presented this day, December 5, 2012.



AS Ordered By:

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Dwight D. Eisenhower  
Supreme Commander  
of the Allied Forces

# Program

- Reception/Welcome
- Opening Remarks  
- Robert J. Rando, Program Chair
- Color Guard  
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Post 82
- Presentations  
- Ernest T. Bartol, FBA EDNY Chapter President
- Buffet Dinner
- Entertainment
- Dessert
- Guest Speakers  
- Robert J. DeSousa, FBA National President  
- James S. Richardson, Sr., Member FBA Veterans Law Section and past National President of the FBA
- Closing Remarks  
- Robert J. Rando, Program Chair



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# Introduction

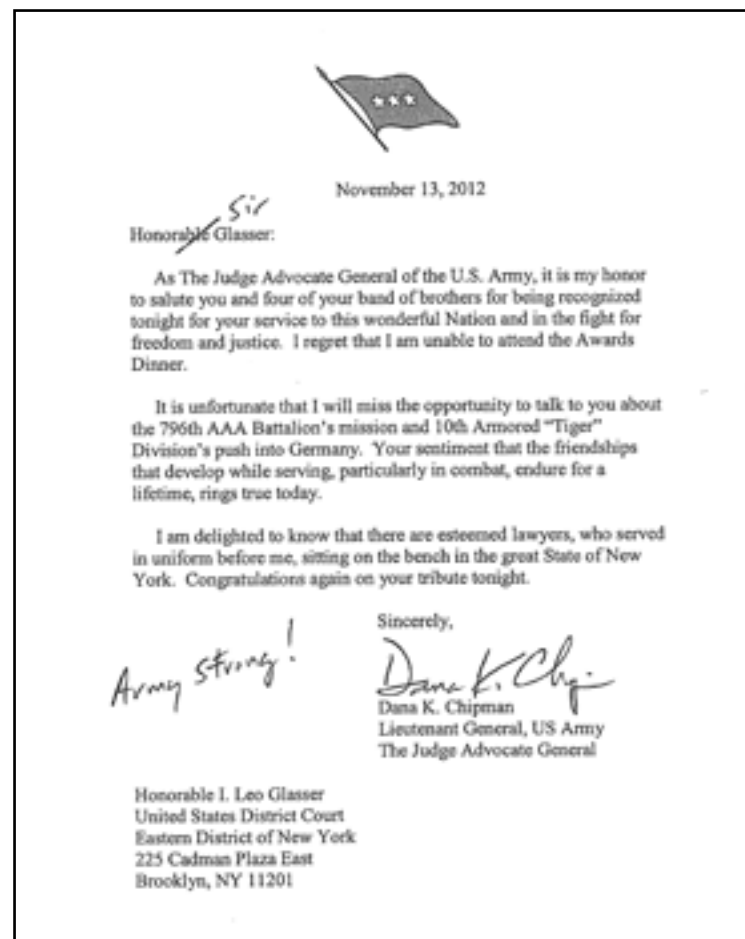
It has often been said that the World War II "brothers-in-arms" are members of the "greatest generation." Assuredly, it is not an overstatement to say that our World War II veteran judges and their brothers-in-arms walk among the greatest men of any generation.

On the following pages, we will introduce you to each of our honorees. We have a brief bio and career history for each of them. We followed up with an informal dialogue and questions we believe provide insight into how service to our country in World War II has affected their lives and careers.

Because of scheduling limitations, we were able to meet with three of our five honorees and secure written responses from one additional honoree.

We proudly present their stories...

*Personal commendation letters from Dana K. Chipman, Lt. General U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General, (Judge Glasser's shown here) were presented to each of our honorees.*



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## HONORABLE I. LEO GLASSER



Born in New York City in 1924, Judge Glasser graduated from the City College of New York in 1943 and then served in the United States Army in Europe during World War II.

During the war, Judge Glasser served as a U.S. Army Infantry Technician landing in Europe a few weeks after D-Day at the small French town of St. Mere Eglise. His unit pushed east, eventually crossing into Germany in Spring, 1945. The horror of battle was constant. Judge Glasser was wounded moving ammunition crates and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery during his service in the European theater.

In an article published by Newsday, May 27, 2012, Judge Glasser was quoted as saying: "I hope there will come a day when we have no more war and the lion will lie down with the lamb and we can have universal peace."

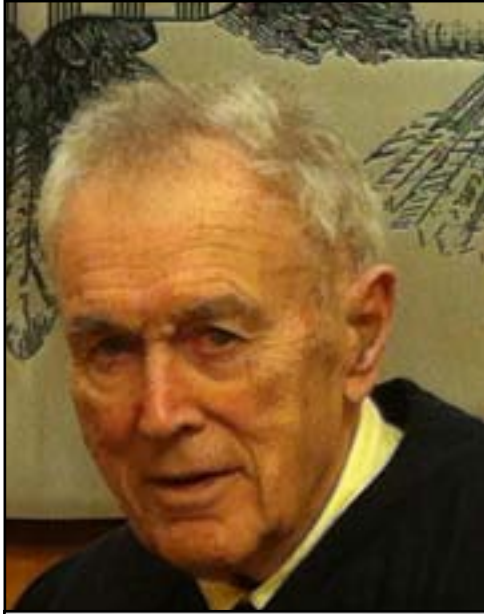
Upon returning from the war, Judge Glasser obtained a law degree magna cum laude from Brooklyn Law School in 1948, and then immediately began teaching at Brooklyn Law School. He served on the faculty until 1969, when he was appointed a judge of the New York Family Court. For years, Judge Glasser lectured to thousands of law students preparing for the New York Bar Exam on virtually all subjects covered on the exam. He returned to Brooklyn Law School in 1977 to serve as Dean, a position he held until 1981 when he was nominated for the federal bench.

Judge Glasser was nominated by President Ronald Reagan on November 23, 1981, to a seat vacated by the Honorable Jacob Mishler. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 9, 1981, received commission on December 10, 1981 and assumed senior status on July 1, 1993.

Judge Glasser has presided over several high-profile trials during his tenure, the most notable of which was the trial of reputed mobster John Gotti. Judge Glasser also presided over an early terrorism trial involving an organization dubbed "The Ohio Five" and presided over a number of other significant organized crime trials and proceedings including the conviction of Vincent Gigante, the head of the Genovese crime family.

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## HONORABLE THOMAS C. PLATT



A descendant of former U.S. Senator Thomas Collier Platt, Judge Platt was born in New York, New York. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

World War II had a significant impact on the Platt family as his father and brother also served during the war. Judge Platt's experience in the war included preparing for the Pacific invasion which was ultimately averted by President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb.

Judge Platt recalls his father, who was a high-ranking Naval Officer, relating personal experiences surrounding the decision to deploy the atomic bomb. Judge Platt tells of his father's close and personal friend, United States Secretary of War, Henry Lewis Stimson. Judge Platt vividly relates how Secretary Stimson struggled with the gravity of his responsibility to inform President Truman that the Manhattan Project had progressed to the point where the atomic bomb was ready. President Truman also asked Secretary Stimson to provide him with estimates for loss of life that would be sustained by all sides through the Pacific invasion as compared to losses resulting from dropping "the bomb."

After the war, Judge Platt received a B.A. from Yale University in 1947, and an LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1950. While in law school, Judge Platt married Anne Byrd Symington in 1948. After private practice in New York City from 1950 to 1953, he became an assistant U.S. Attorney of the Eastern District of New York, serving from 1953 to 1956. He then returned to private practice as a partner at the law firm of Bleakley, Platt, Schmidt, Hart & Fritz in New York City. He also served as an attorney for the Village of Laurel Hollow, New York from 1958 to 1974, and was acting police justice in the Village of Lloyd Harbor, New York from 1958 to 1963.

Judge Platt was also an alternate to the Republican National Convention in 1964, 1968 and 1972 and a Committeeman, Suffolk County Republican Committee, from 1957 to 1974.

Judge Platt was nominated by President Richard M. Nixon on January 31, 1974, to a seat vacated by the Honorable George Rosling. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on March 1, 1974, and received his commission on March 8, 1974. At the time of his nomination, he was the first federal district court judge from Suffolk County, New York. He served as chief judge of the Eastern District from 1988 to 1995. After over 25 years of active service, Judge Platt assumed senior status on February 1, 2001.

What follows is Judge Platt's thoughtful responses to our questions.

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## Judge Platt Interview

*Q:* *What impact your military service had on your legal career and/or how you perform your duties on the bench?*

*A:* My experience in the military taught me discipline as well as respect for and obedience to the law, regulations and the rights of others.

*Q:* *What was the most significant lesson or benefit you realized from military service?*

*A:* See above.

*Q:* *Did military service alter your perspective on the world and has that changed or remained constant?*

*A:* My military experience helped develop my awareness of others and respect for their knowledge, abilities and rights.

*Q:* *Do you think military or other public service is beneficial to launching a career? Why? Why not?*

*A:* Yes, I believe public service is beneficial to anyone's career because it teaches individuals to work hard for the benefit of the public and not only themselves. As a result, the individual learns respect for others.

*Q:* *What is the most significant change in our legal system that you have seen during your time on the bench?*

*A:* The most significant change that I have witnessed in the legal system is the equality of rights movements, particularly in the public school system, housing and the workplace.

*Q:* *If you could change one thing in our current legal system, what would it be?*

*A:* I would require that all candidates for federal trial and appellate positions in the judiciary have courtroom experience.

*Q:* *What advice would you give to anyone aspiring to become a judge?*

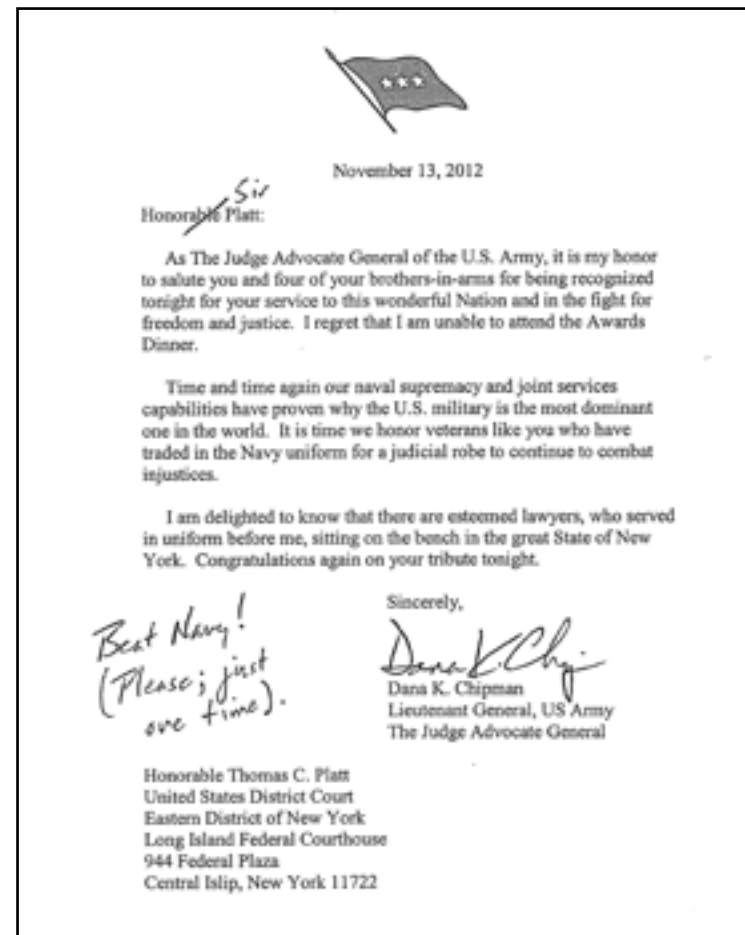
*A:* As stated above, I think all trial and appellate judges should have courtroom litigation experience.

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*Who has been a hero or inspiration for you? Why?*

Second Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Leonard Moore was United States Attorney for the EDNY while I was an Assistant United States Attorney in the criminal division. He taught me how to try a case, which experience was invaluable to my legal career.



## HONORABLE ARTHUR D. SPATT



A native of Brooklyn, New York, Judge Spatt served as a Navigation Petty Officer in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946, on an amphibious transport ship, the USS Sherburne.

During our interview, Judge Spatt shared his observation that, during World War II, the country was unified in a way unlike any time before or after the war. This unity of purpose instilled a patriotic passion in all Americans of that era which he continues to carry to this day. Judge Spatt added that he considers World War II to be the most extraordinary event, not only in his life, but in his opinion, other than religious and family events, the most extraordinary event in the history of the world.

Citing unexpected benefits from wartime, Judge Spatt tells how his service in the U.S. Navy opened up the world beyond DeKalb Avenue to a middle-class kid from Brooklyn. He proudly tells how a shipmate of his from Cicero, Illinois, Vincent Urbanek, a "tough guy" with a high IQ who dropped out of high school, was helped by Judge Spatt and others to complete his studies and attain his High School Diploma. Mr. Urbanek eventually became a Professor of Oral Surgery at Duke University.

After the war, Judge Spatt received an LL.B. from Brooklyn Law School in 1949 and entered private practice in New York City from 1949 to 1978. Judge Spatt became a State Court Judge in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Tenth Judicial District, and served from 1978 to 1982, then became an Administrative Judge for Nassau County, New York from 1982 to 1986. He moved on to become an Associate Justice of the New York Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, from 1986 to 1989.

On October 25, 1989, Judge Spatt was nominated by President George H.W. Bush to a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York vacated by the Honorable Henry Bramwell. Judge Spatt was confirmed by the United States Senate on November 21, 1989, and received commission on November 27, 1989. He assumed senior status on December 1, 2004.

What follows is Judge Spatt's thoughtful responses to our questions.

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## Judge Spatt Interview

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**Q:** *What impact your military service had on your legal career and/or how you perform your duties on the bench?*

**A:** Greater patience and appreciation for hard work and working within an organization.

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**Q:** *What was the most significant lesson or benefit you realized from military service?*

**A:** (1) Working and living with men of diverse economic, religious and educational backgrounds; (2) living in cramped quarters under dangerous conditions led to greater appreciation of my life at home; and (3) an eye-opening view of a world in the Pacific I had no idea existed; viewing the far-away places a kid from Brooklyn never even heard about.

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**Q:** *Did military service alter your perspective on the world and has that changed or remained constant?*

**A:** My service did alter my perspective of the world and that has never changed.

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**Q:** *Any one outstanding memory/experience from your military service that you wish to share as it relates to any aspect of your professional or personal life?*

**A:** No. There are too many.

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**Q:** *Do you think military or other public service is beneficial to launching a career? Why? Why not?*

**A:** Definitely yes. To learn discipline and to live with other dissimilar people is a great benefit. That is one of the reasons I believe in a compulsory draft.

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**Q:** *What is the most significant change in our legal system that you have seen during your time on the bench?*

**A:** (1) comparative negligence; (2) Title VIII and ADA; (3) the unfortunate removal of the prohibition against lawyer advertising; and (4) the growth in the participation of women and minorities.

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**Q:** *If you could change one thing in our current legal system, what would it be?*

**A:** Eliminate advertising.

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**Q:** *What advice would you give to anyone aspiring to become a judge?*

**A:** (1) best schools; (2) litigation practice; and (3) active in politics.

**Q:** *Who has been a hero or inspiration for you? Why?*

(1) President Abraham Lincoln - favorite hero; greatest American; put the war torn, hate-filled country together.

(2) Admiral Chester A. Nimitz - led the war in the Pacific - extraordinary strategist - decent and hard-working - worked well, despite General MacArthur.

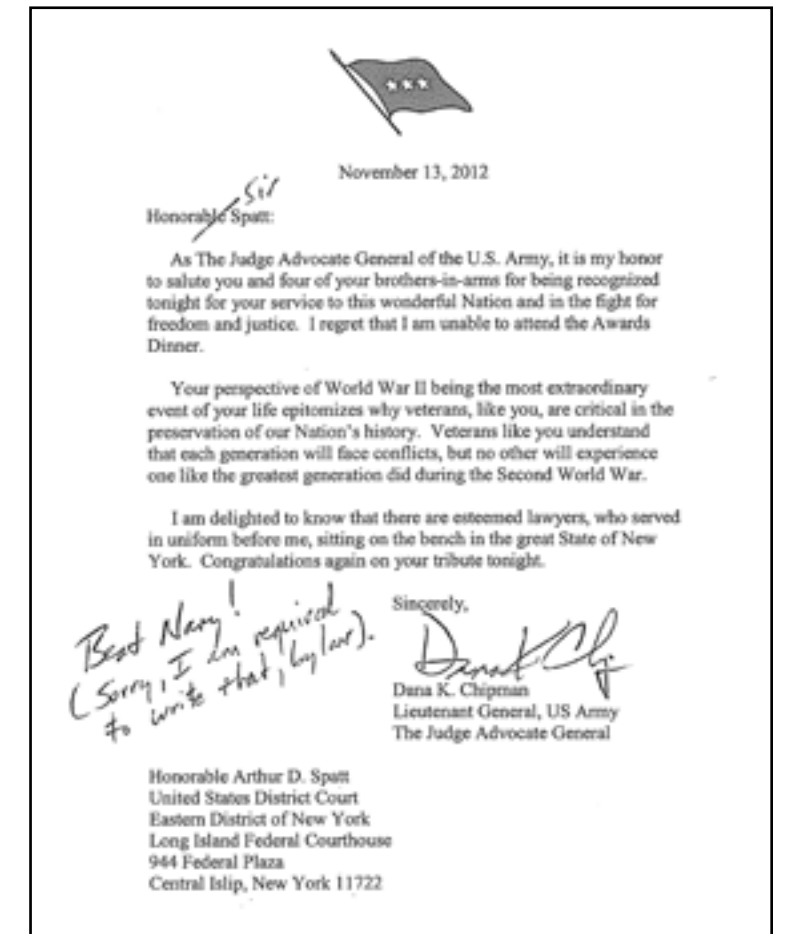
(3) General Omar Bradley - In my view, the real brains and military judgment behind the war in Europe.

(4) President Harry Truman - Gave the order to drop the bomb - in doing so, he probably saved at least a million lives which would have been lost in the upcoming invasion of Japan.

(5) Lou Gherig - the model of what a professional athlete should be.

(6) President Franklin Delano Roosevelt - for the social services on which millions of Americans subsist.

(7) Henry Miller, Esq. - of the Clark, Gagliardi & Miller law firm in White Plains - the model of what a lawyer and trial lawyer should be.



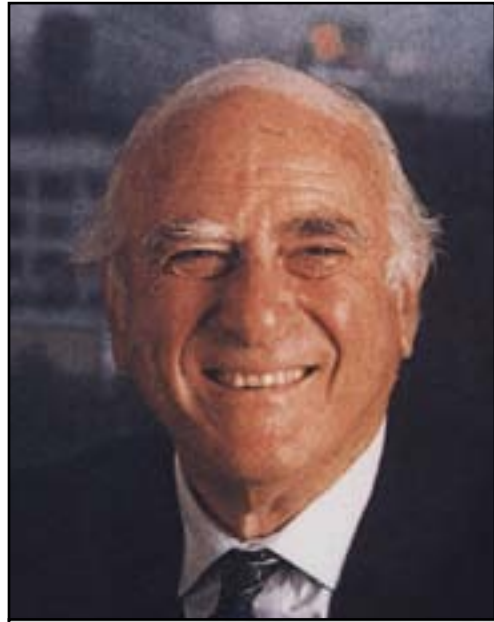
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## HONORABLE JACK B. WEINSTEIN



Judge Weinstein was born in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas. He attended Brooklyn College at night while working for a trucking firm during the day, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1943.

Judge Weinstein served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Lieutenant Commander on the submarine USS Jallao. In his *Newsday* interview, Judge Weinstein said "there was no moral ambiguity or doubt in the mission the nation faced to defeat Nazi Germany and imperial Japan. We were on the side of the angels. I was always aware that, in a sense, I was the tip of a sword that was being fashioned by the entire country."

His submarine sank a Japanese cruiser in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944, and a merchant marine vessel in August 1945, days before Japan's surrender.

After the war, Judge Weinstein earned a law degree from Columbia University in 1948 and became a law clerk to Judge Stanley H. Fuld of the New York Court of Appeals. He then opened his own law office, through which he advised various state legislative committees and conducted a litigation practice. Judge Weinstein assisted in writing briefs for the NAACP in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case of the 1950s and in the "one man, one vote" litigation of the 1960s. For many years he was a faculty member of Columbia Law School and lectured at other law schools.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Judge Weinstein to the bench in the Eastern District of New York on the recommendation of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Formerly chief judge of the district, Judge Weinstein maintains a full docket as a senior judge.

Managing each case with equality and efficiency in mind, Judge Weinstein appears in business suits instead of judicial robes and often meets with parties and litigants around a conference table in open court. A pioneer in the area of mass torts, he has handled and streamlined complex class actions and multi-district litigations related to Agent Orange, asbestos, DES and Zyprexa. Judge Weinstein has presided over numerous organized crime trials, including the prosecutions of Vincent Gigante, Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa (known as the "mafia cops"), and the recent trial of Charles Carneglia.

Judge Weinstein is the author and editor of a number of books including the multi-volume "Weinstein's Evidence" (Weinstein and Berger Editors, 1975) and Weinstein, Korn and Miller on New York Civil Practice.

What follows is Judge Weinstein's thoughtful responses to our questions.

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## Judge Weinstein Interview

**Q:** *What impact your military service had on your legal career and/or how you perform your duties on the bench?*

**A:** My military service provided new mind opening experiences and problem solving methods; a sense of command; a strong feeling of responsibility for the welfare and safety of those I was charged with leading; confidence in my ability to meet serious new challenges; a stronger belief in our country, its ideals and its future; and many other advantages that helped advance my legal career and perform duties as a judge.

**Q:** *What was the most significant lesson or benefit you realized from military service?*

**A:** The most significant lesson was probably the capacity of people of many diverse socio-economic backgrounds to combine their talents and energy to produce a powerful and almost unstoppable force able to accomplish remarkable results that could benefit many people and institutions.

**Q:** *Did military service alter your perspective on the world and has that changed or remained constant?*

**A:** Military service altered my perspective on the world by forcing me out of a rather narrow parochial background into undreamed of situations, experiences and friendships. Perspectives continue to change as I grow older.

**Q:** *Any one outstanding memory/experience from your military service that you wish to share as it relates to any aspect of your professional or personal life?*

**A:** There were, of course, the stresses of battle, dangerous storms and homesickness, but I was struck by the diverse group of officers and men on our boat who could discuss matters without rancor, sharing a common public education, concern and outlook.

**Q:** *Do you think military or other public service is beneficial to launching a career? Why? Why not?*

**A:** An urge for public service including, as an option, service in the military, is essential to a career in the law. Serving the public and helping other people is the central ethos of our profession.

**Q:** *What is the most significant change in our legal system that you have seen during your time on the bench?*

**A:** The growth in size and complexity of legal institutions – law firms, law faculties, courts, laws, prosecutorial staffs, prisons, etc. – that challenge the law's human face and its ability to treat people as individuals.

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## HONORABLE LEONARD D. WEXLER



Judge Wexler is also a native New Yorker born in Brooklyn. During the war, he served in Company C Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. He distinguished himself by receiving the Purple Heart and two Bronze Battle Stars for the European Operation.

During our interview, Judge Wexler referred to himself as a lucky man. His military career is punctuated with near-misses. Upon being drafted, he and two close friends applied for paratrooper training. Judge Wexler was rejected for paratrooper duty as he was assigned to the Tank Destroyer Battalion instead. Unfortunately, his two friends were accepted as paratroopers and killed in action. During preparation for what became known as the "Battle of the Bulge," Judge Wexler was wounded by shrapnel three days prior to the battle, forcing him to miss action during which his unit suffered heavy casualties.

Judge Wexler also feels lucky because he was able to take advantage of his Veteran benefits to attend college and law school – something which he never dreamed a kid, growing up poor like he did, would be able to realize.

Judge Wexler received a B.S. from Indiana University in 1947 and a J.D. from the New York University School of Law in 1950. He was founder and incorporator of the Suffolk Police Benevolent Association in 1960, and its attorney for 17 years; founder and incorporator of the Suffolk County Detective's Association in 1963 and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Association. He was founder of the Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association in 1965 and Director from 1956 to 1960.

Judge Wexler prepared the first Assigned Council Plan under Section 18B of the County Law in 1966, providing for representation of persons charged with a crime. The plan was adopted by the Appellate Division, and he was appointed First Administrator in the State to represent Suffolk County from 1966 to 1983. He tried the first death penalty case under the new death penalty law in 1963 and was the first civilian attorney to travel to Vietnam to defend a soldier charged with murder in 1970. He argued constitutional rights in the United States Supreme Court in 1975.

Judge Wexler was nominated to the court by Ronald Reagan on May 11, 1983, to a seat vacated by the Honorable George C. Pratt, and was appointed to the federal bench on June 22, 1983. He assumed senior status on June 30, 1994. Judge Wexler brought the first Federal Court to Hauppauge, Suffolk County in 1987; chaired the Construction of the first permanent Federal Courthouse in Central Islip, Long Island in 1992. Judge Wexler has also lectured to judges in Czechoslovakia in 1991 and in Hungary in 1996.

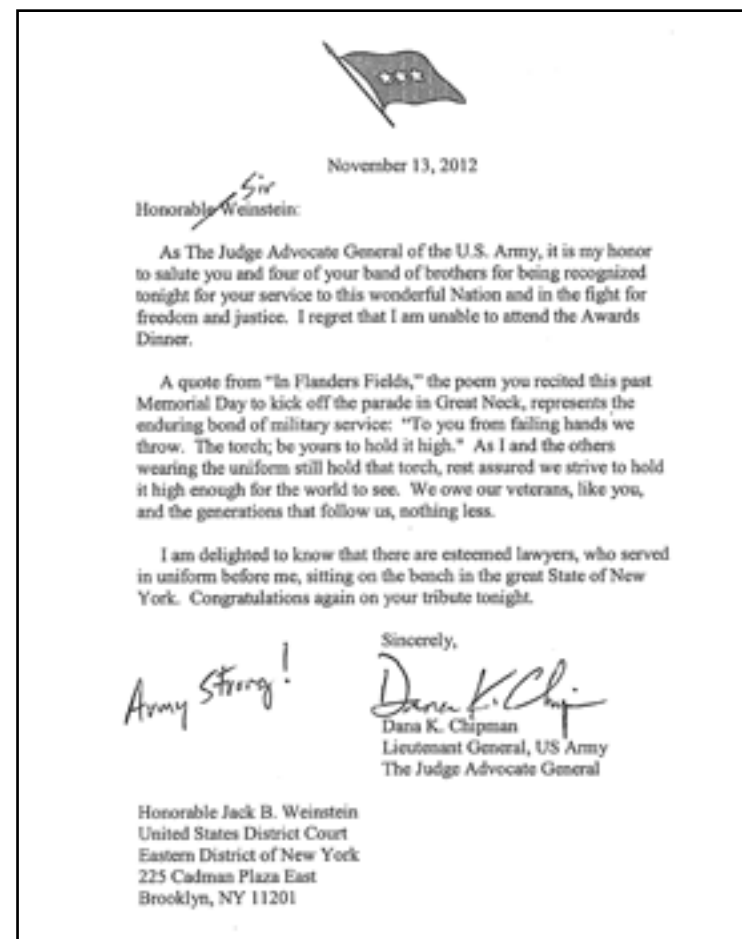
What follows is Judge Wexler's thoughtful responses to our questions.

**Q:** *If you could change one thing in our current legal system, what would it be?*  
**A:** I would reduce unnecessary punishments and eliminate minimum sentences.

**Q:** *What do you see as necessary changes to our legal system in the near and long-term?*  
**A:** The legal system will need to reduce its costs and spread its benefits to the lower middle classes and the poor, in part by using more electronic media and technology and other disciplines such as social work.

**Q:** *What advice would you give to anyone aspiring to become a judge?*  
**A:** Anyone aspiring to be a judge should do his or her current job well and participate in bar associations, philanthropies, political, and other socially useful activities.

**Q:** *Who has been a hero or inspiration for you? Why?*  
**A:** In the field of law, the two – among many – most inspirational people I worked with were Stanley Fuld, Judge and Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, and Thurgood Marshall, when he was head of the Legal Defense Fund. The former taught the meticulous attention to analysis, writing and devotion to duty. The latter demonstrated how a leader could pull together the law, lawyers, academics, historians, the huge diverse African American community, and many others to help turn the nation from discrimination toward equal opportunity.



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## Judge Wexler Interview

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**Q:** *What impact your military service had on your legal career and/or how you perform your duties on the bench?*

**A:** Before I was drafted, I did not aspire to go to college since my family could not afford it, and I had not been much of a student in high school. The army taught me that I had a brain, and I learned that I did not want to be the “low man on the totem pole.” If I hadn’t been injured, I probably would have been killed. The army sent me to college, where I was successful, and then to law school, which I loved. My military service put me on the road of my legal career and an integral part of where I am today.

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**Q:** *What was the most significant lesson or benefit you realized from military service?*

**A:** The army taught me that you don’t always have control over your life. Things happen to you and you need to learn to go with the flow, and adapt to where you are and where you land.

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**Q:** *Did military service alter your perspective on the world and has that changed or remained constant?*

**A:** The army opened new fields for me, such as college and the law. It did not though, change my world view.

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**Q:** *Any one outstanding memory/experience from your military service that you wish to share as it relates to any aspect of your professional or personal life?*

**A:** The most memorable aspect of my military service is that it opened my eyes to my own abilities, and to opportunities that did not exist for me before. I would not be where I am today without the army.

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**Q:** *Do you think military or other public service is beneficial to launching a career? Why? Why not?*

**A:** I do think that military service is beneficial to launching a career since it exposes one to different types of people, and you have to learn to get along with everyone.

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**Q:** *What is the most significant change in our legal system that you have seen during your time on the bench?*

**A:** The big changes I have seen is the amount of paperwork and the distrust amongst the lawyers. When I was practicing, everybody knew each other and you had a reputation and it mattered. There was no need to put everything in writing; if someone said something, you could rely on it. There was a need for even more lawyers and therefore less competition amongst the lawyers. Now, Long Island has gotten more populated, and it sometimes seems like the lawyers are out to get one another, and there is less respect for each other. This creates more paperwork.

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**Q:** *If you could change one thing in our current legal system, what would it be?*

**A:** I would change the amount of paperwork.

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**Q:** *What do you see as necessary changes to our legal system in the near and long-term?*

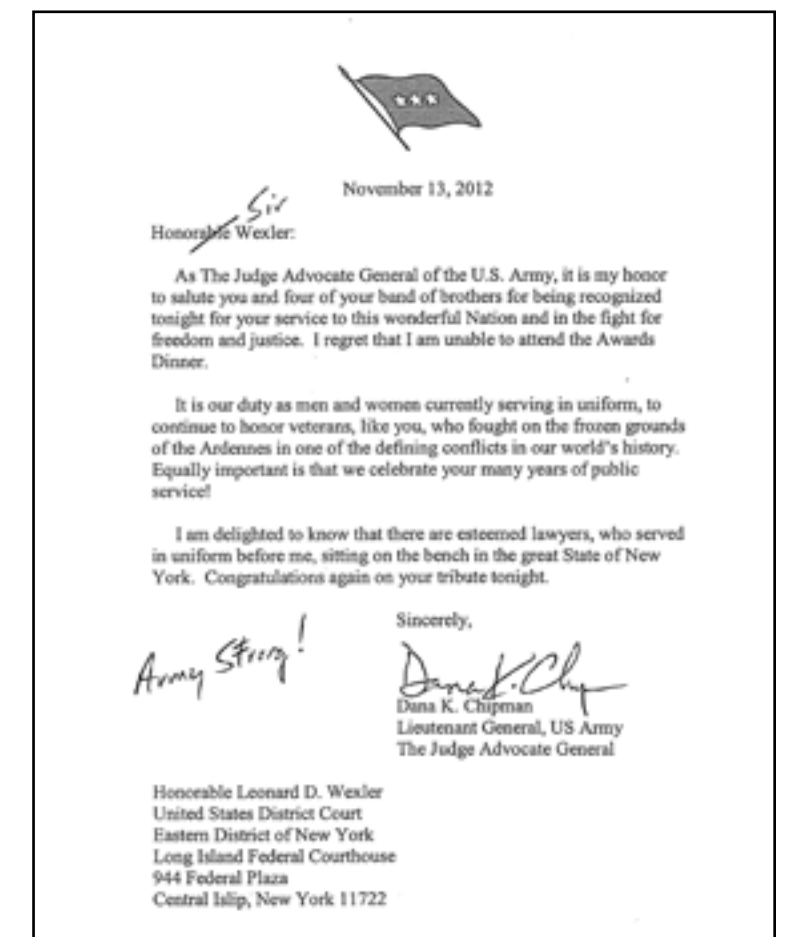
**A:** I think there is a need to make a change to the concept of billable hours. It has become so expensive to go to court, and as a result the courts are losing business to mediation and arbitration. For our legal system to continue to be accessible, it needs to be less expensive.

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**Q:** *What advice would you give to anyone aspiring to become a judge?*

**A:** If someone wants to become a judge, it is necessary to get involved in the community, especially in politics.

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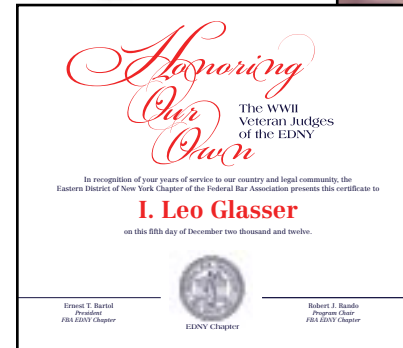
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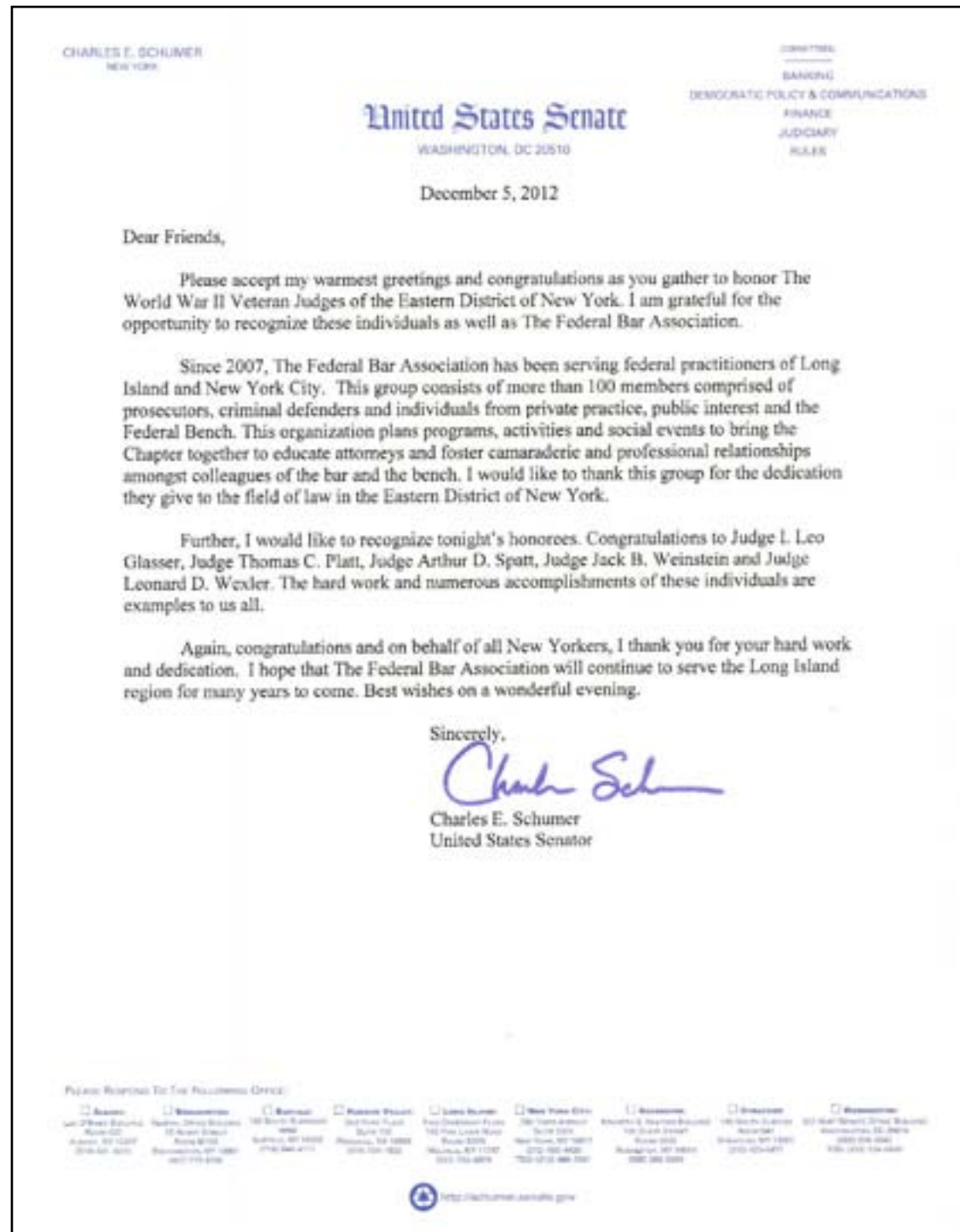
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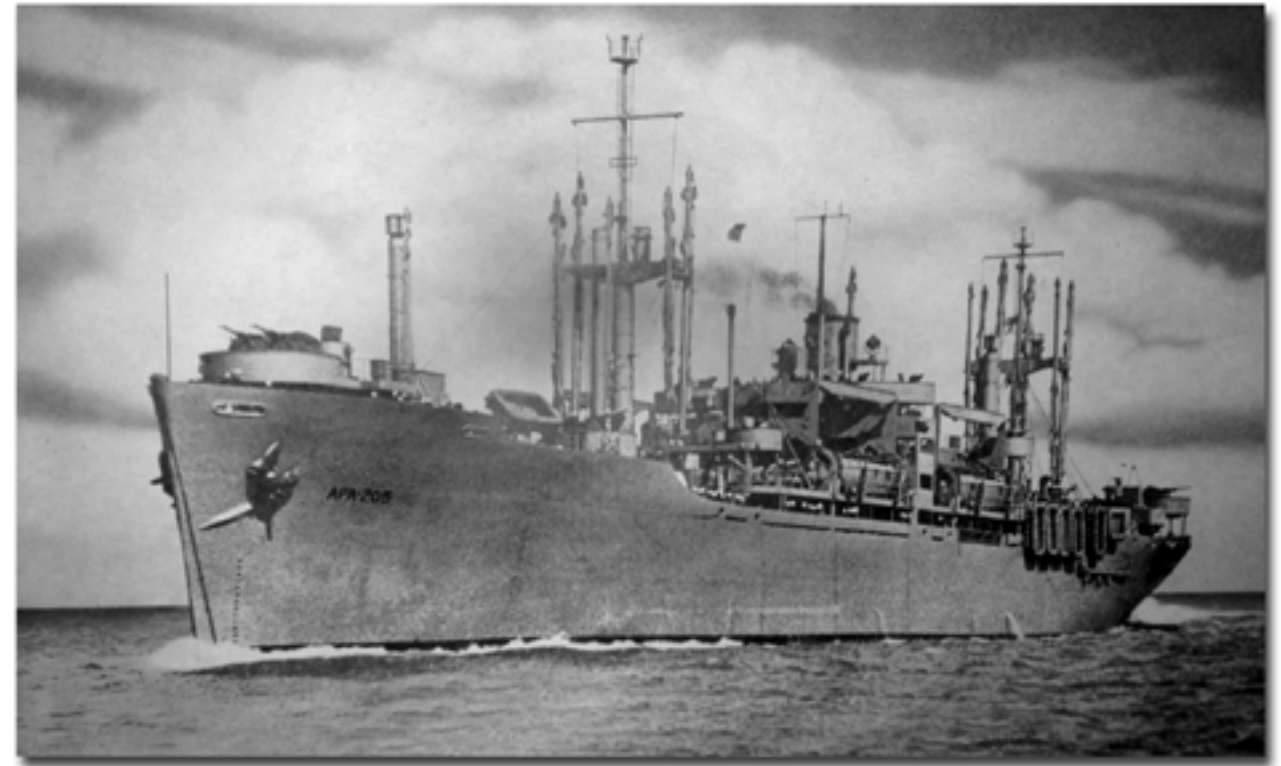


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