

**Message to U. S. Army Transportation Museum June 2002 and reply from Barbara A. Bower**

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Your webpage states

"The Army Transportation Museum is devoted entirely to the history of U.S. Army transportation from colonial days to present. It offers a unique glimpse of the importance of logistical support to the Army, and is a must when visiting the Virginia Peninsula."

I find it a great disappointment that there seems to be no mention of the 458th transportation company.

Four years ago the museum did have some information on display about the unit. This past week a former 458th member visited the museum and could only find one picture of a unknown 458th soldier.

I know better than to assume anything, but I would assume someone connected with the museum is aware that there is a Army Transportation ship named in honor of a former 458th member.

Lee Helle

Mr. Helle,

Thank you for your comments. You are correct that one of the recent LSV was named for Loux, the only LSV to be named for an enlisted man.

There are approximately 20,000 transportation units and it would be virtually impossible to mention them all. They all, as units, performed extraordinary tasks in completion of their missions. I'm sure you understand the difficult position we are in attempting to tell the history of transportation without naming all units.

We will look into it, but I cannot promise anything.

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