

# OPINION

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Shinseki's legacy will be active duty leadership

Many soldiers remember Gen. Eric Shinseki more for what he did on active duty than his term in Veterans Affairs.

As Army Chief of Staff it was he, alone of all the other generals I knew who agreed with him privately, who



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That was not what the civilian leadership wanted to hear. The civilians who

stated publicly that the adventure in Iraq would "require several hundred thousands" of troops. He foresaw that the incursion would be costly. There would be concomitant casualties.

made the decision to go in had never been on the ground in combat. They should have listened to someone who had. Instead, we have lost 6,100 of our youngsters.

I respectfully suggest that Eric Ken Shinseki be remembered most for his insight, candor and integrity.

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