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ARTHUR A. COHEN, 81, of Middleton Ave., a lawyer, musician and retired Navy commander, died Saturday at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Inpatient Center, Providence.

Born in Newport, a son of the late Nathan and Clara (Jaffe) Cohen, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

Mr. Cohen was a 1941 graduate of Boston University Law School.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, and a former member of the Naval Reserves.

During World War II, he served with motor torpedo boats in the United States, New Guinea and the Phillipines, before assuming command of PT Boat 190, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After the armistice, he served as assistant legal officer at the Naval Operating Base in Newport, and as temporary legal assistance officer at the Naval Training Station, Fleet Training Center and Naval War College. Discharged from active duty in June 1947, he was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in December 1947 and opened a law office in Newport, at 52 Spring St.

He later was admitted to practice before the federal courts, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Treasury Department, the Tax Court, the U.S. Court of Military Appeals and the U.S. Court of Claims.

In 1948, as a member of the Naval Reserves, Mr. Cohen produced and announced a weekly radio program offering recruiting information.

Recalled to active duty during the Korean War, he served as a member of the Court Martial Board, sitting on an estimated 2,000 general courts martial from 1951 through 1953. He was released to inactive duty in 1953. He was promoted to lieutenant commander in 1954 and commander in 1959. He continued to serve with the Naval Reserves into the 1960s, as administrative and public information officer at the Legal Office of the Newport Navy base.

Mr. Cohen was a member of the Newport County, Rhode Island, American and Federal Bar Associations, and of the National Lawyers Club in Washington.

He also was a violinist with the Fall River Symphony Orchestra, a musical director and soloist with local string ensembles, and a past president of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 529.

He was a longtime member of Touro Synagogue.

He leaves three nieces, Marjorie Robbins of Potomac, Md., Barbara Cohen of Needham, Mass., and Janet McCall of Newport; and a close friend, Rose Silvia of Newport. He was the brother of the late Dr. Lawrence J. Cohen.

A graveside funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m. at Beth Olam Cemetery, in Middletown.

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March 13, 1999. Residence: Middleton Ave., Newport. Dear brother of the late Dr. Lawrence J. Cohen. Adored uncle of Marjorie Robbins, Potomac, Md.; Barbara Cohen, Needham, Ma.; and Janet McCall, Newport. Close friend of Rose Silvia, Newport. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (cor. Doyle Ave.), Prov.