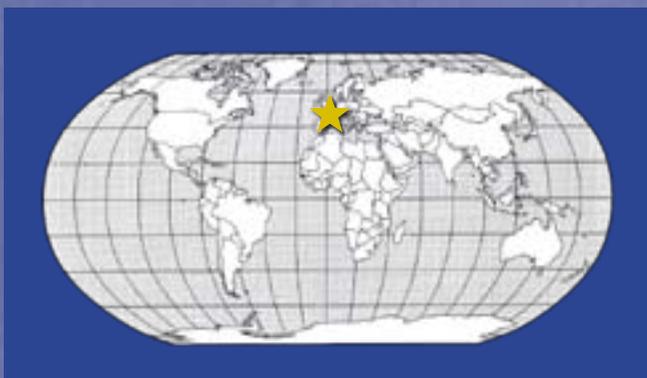


**Charles F. Scharfenstein**

Lieutenant Commander  
Class of 1941



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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to  
Lieutenant Commander Charles F. Scharfenstein  
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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For heroic service as Commanding Officer of USS LCI(L) 87, Flagship of LCI(L) Flotilla TEN, during the initial invasion on the coast of France, June 6, 1944. Under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Commander (then Lieutenant) Scharfenstein took station close to the shore on the early morning of D-Day and, throughout the bitterest part of the fighting, efficiently assisted in the reorganization, grouping and dispatching of craft to the beach. During the night, he maneuvered his ship close to the beach in an effort to maintain the flow of men, ammunition and supplies to the beach despite the danger of enemy gunfire, air attack, submerged mined obstacles and sunken wrecks. His expert shiphandling, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Commander Scharfenstein also served in anti-submarine and coastal protection patrols at various stations on the eastern seaboard and went on to serve as the Eleventh District Chief of Staff before retiring at the rank of Captain after 30 years of service.