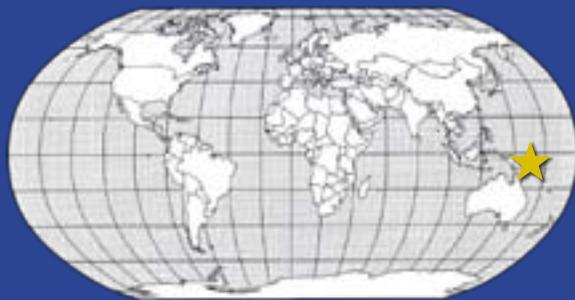




Clarence H. Peterson

Captain

Class of 1925



**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Silver Star Medal to
Captain Clarence H. Peterson
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service set forth in the following Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Commander of a Task Unit of Landing Ships Tanks (LST's) during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on December 26, 1943 and at Saidor, New Guinea, on January 2, 1944. Subjected to a withering hostile air attack during departure from the beach at Cape Gloucester, Captain Peterson fought his command aggressively and inflicted severe losses upon the enemy with a minimum of damage to his own units. A cool and proficient leader despite extremely difficult conditions, he skillfully organized and guided succeeding echelons throughout the vital resupply of these two important strongholds, successfully coordinating and executing the movements of his task group and carrying out his hazardous missions without the loss of a single ship. Captain Peterson's expert seamanship and tenacious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Captain Peterson also earned a Bronze Star for his actions while commanding a unit of 36 LST's in the South Pacific. Captain Peterson retired at the rank of Rear Admiral after more than 30 years of service.