



Edward C. Allen, Junior
Lieutenant Commander
Class of 1938

**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to
Lieutenant Commander Edward C. Allen, Jr.
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following citation:

For meritorious achievement as Navigator and as Gunnery Officer on board the USS LEONARD WOOD, during operations against the enemy at Luzon, Leyte, Angaur, Saipan, French Morocco, Sicily and the Gilbert and Marshall Island Groups, during World War II. Demonstrating excellent judgment and unerring seamanship, Lieutenant Commander Allen expertly piloted his ship through hazardous waters in the successful participation of the LEONARD WOOD in four major operations in the Pacific Area. Distinguishing himself as Gunnery Officer during the invasions of French Morocco, Sicily and the Gilbert and Marshall Island Groups, by maintaining his organization in an exceptionally high state of combat readiness, he contributed to the success of these vital operations. His steadfast courage, professional skill and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Commander Allen and the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Commander Allen later commanded the Coast Guard’s Fifth District before retiring at the rank of Rear Admiral.

