



Harry G. Hamlet

Captain
Class of 1896

**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Gold Lifesaving Medal to
Captain Harry G. Hamlet
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

While in command of USS MARIETTA in the Bay of Biscay on 28 April 1919, Captain Hamlet rescued a crew of 47 persons from the USS JAMES which was sinking at sea. This rescue was made extremely difficult and hazardous owing to high seas, which threatened to send the two vessels crashing together. In effecting the rescue, Captain Hamlet displayed admirable seamanship.

Captain Hamlet went on to serve as Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and was later appointed as the seventh Commandant of the Coast Guard from 1932 to 1936. He later retired at the rank of Vice Admiral. Vice Admiral Hamlet was also the author of the Coast Guardsman's Creed and the Mission of the Coast Guard Academy.

