



**Mark Welliver II**

Captain  
Class of 1946

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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star (with Valor) to  
Captain Mark Welliver II  
United States Coast Guard**

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For service as set forth in the following Summary:

Captain Mark Welliver II was awarded the Bronze Star for his courage and dedication as displayed as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC SPENCER from 1968–1970. On 11 February, 1969, SPENCER joined the Third Squadron off the waters of Vietnam. Captain Welliver II and his crew were involved in a mission to interdict Communist waterborne supply lines, entitled Operation MARKET TIME. During this operation, SPENCER spent 70 percent of its time at sea, and cruised for almost 44,000 nautical miles. SPENCER participated in 13 Naval gun fire missions which resulted in the destruction of more than 160 enemy structures. Under the adept leadership of Captain Welliver, SPENCER detected 4,200, closely monitored 1,320, and interdicted 52 enemy suspects who were transferred to the custody of the South Vietnamese. On 30 September, 1969, SPENCER returned for Governor's Island, ending an extremely successful deployment under the leadership of Captain Welliver II. Captain Welliver was presented the Bronze Star by General Westmoreland, U.S. Army Chief of Staff and previous head of the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam.

