



**Robert E. Emerson**

Lieutenant  
Class of 1943

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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Silver Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to  
Lieutenant Robert E. Emerson  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Boat Group Commander of the U.S.S. LEONARD WOORD during the amphibious invasion of enemy Japanese-held Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, from February 17 to 22, 1944. Carrying out three separate attacks under intense enemy fire, Lieutenant (then Lieutenant, Junior Grade) Emerson expertly directed the landing boats in his charge and, by his initiative and sound judgment, was largely responsible for efficient traffic control and boat salvage, thereby contributing materially to the success of the operation. His skill, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Emerson retired at the rank of Captain following his final assignment as the Coast Guard Seventeenth District Chief of Staff.

