



Charles Satterlee

Captain
Class of 1898

**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Distinguished Service Medal and Purple Heart
to Captain Charles A. Satterlee
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Captain Charles Satterlee graduated from the Revenue Cutter Service School of Instruction in 1898, also receiving the honor of being first in his class. Upon the declaration of war with Spain, the Revenue Cutter Service was transferred under the Navy. During this time period, then 3rd Lieutenant Satterlee served aboard the U.S.S. Woodbury with Admiral Sampson's North Atlantic Squadron. He aided in conducting blockade operations off the coast of Cuba until the cessation of the conflict. Mr. Satterlee served in various capacities until 1917, when the United States declared war with Imperial Germany, thus beginning its engagement in the First World War. Captain Satterlee was appointed as the commanding officer aboard the USCGC TAMPA. As TAMPA's captain, he conducted many convoy escorts that would supply troops during the war. It was during one such convoy that he received orders to break off from formation to steam to a new location. On 26 September 1918, USCGC TAMPA was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine and consequently sunk. All hands were lost in the line of duty, and the crew were all awarded a Purple Heart for their honorable sacrifice. Captain Satterlee's devotion to duty and unwavering commitment to the mission during two separate wars is certainly a great model for cadets to aspire to.

