



Richard L. Fuller

Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1943

**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Navy and Marine Corps Medal to
Lieutenant Junior Grade Richard L. Fuller
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For heroic conduct while assisting in rescue operations of Army and Coast Guard personnel, stranded on the Greenland Ice Cap, from December 4, 1942, to May 8, 1943. Despite the intense cold, high winds, and treacherous ice, Ensign Fuller with four men volunteered to remain at the Comanche Bay Beach Head Station in order to carry on rescue operations for the personnel of an Army plane and to locate a wrecked Coast Guard plane. Pushing on over the Ice Cap to within six miles of the marooned aviators, he was compelled to turn back when confronted by impassable crevasses. After several valiant attempts to reach the stranded Army and Coast Guard fliers, Ensign Fuller, his feet frozen by the intense cold, finally was forced to return to his station and later, was evacuated. His initiative, endurance and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Fuller retired at the rank of Captain.

