



John H. Byrd

Captain

Class of 1925

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Legion of Merit (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to
Captain John H. Byrd
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States during operations against enemy forces while serving as Atlantic Fleet Escort Commander protecting trans-Atlantic convoys during World War II. Undeterred by the hazards of enemy submarine-infested waters and adverse weather conditions, Captain Byrd skillfully directed the ships under his command in fulfilling the difficult assignment of transporting men and supplies to sustain the Allied war fronts in Europe. By his sound judgment and professional skill, he contributed materially to the prosecution of the war in this area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

