



Joseph A. Bresnan
Commander
Class of 1932

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to
Commander Joseph A. Bresnan
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious performance of duty in the performance of outstanding services, as a Deputy Assault Group Commander in the assault on the coast of France, 6 June, 1944. Commander Bresnan took station close to the beach under heavy assault enemy fire on the day of the assault. He remained under fire during the most bitter period of the fighting, when, with great coolness, he made decisions on the spot, reorganized, grouped and dispatched craft to the beach and made the weight of his judgment felt in a manner which contributed materially to the success of the operation. The initiative and skill displayed by Commander Bresnan on this occasion were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service.

Commander Bresnan retired at the rank of Captain.

