



Donald C. McNeil

Captain
Class of 1923

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) posthumously to
Captain Donald Carroll McNeil
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following citation:

For meritorious achievement as Commanding Officer of the USS CALLAWAY, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Luzon, Philippine Islands, January 8, 1945. When his ship sustained serious damage from enemy aircraft, Captain McNeil skillfully directed the fire fighting activities and enabled his ship to participate in the assault landings. By his courage and devotion to duty, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Captain “Depth Charge” McNeil was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral, but died on active duty shortly after being relieved of command of USS CALLAWAY.

