



**William R. Riedel**  
Lieutenant Commander  
Class of 1939

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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star Medal (with Valor) to  
Lieutenant Commander William Robert Riedel  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For heroic service as Commander of LST Division Forty Two and as Acting Commander of Group Twenty One, LST Flotilla Seven, in action against enemy Japanese forces during amphibious operations in the New Guinea, Muluccas and Philippine Islands Areas, from September 24, 1944, to April 2, 1945. Skillfully handling the echelons under his command, Lieutenant Commander Riedel contributed immeasurably to the success of the operations. His leadership, skill and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Commander Riedel was later the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and retired at the rank of Captain.

