



Charles E. Larkin, Jr.

Ensign
Class of 1949

**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Silver Lifesaving Medal to
Ensign Charles E. Larkin, Jr.
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For heroic action on the night of 7 December 1949, when he rescued from drowning a crew member who had slipped on the icy deck and fallen into the water between the dock and the USCGC BIBB, moored at the Coast Guard Base, Boston, Massachusetts. Ensign Larkin, without regard for his own personal safety and despite the below freezing temperature, went over the side hand over hand via a mooring line, dropped into the cold water, and grasped and held the unconscious seaman until a lifeline was lowered. He secured the line about the man, who then was hoisted aboard the ship. Ensign Larkin's outstanding initiative and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.

Ensign Larkin later served as the Coast Guard Academy Superintendent as well as the Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, before retiring at the rank of Vice Admiral.

