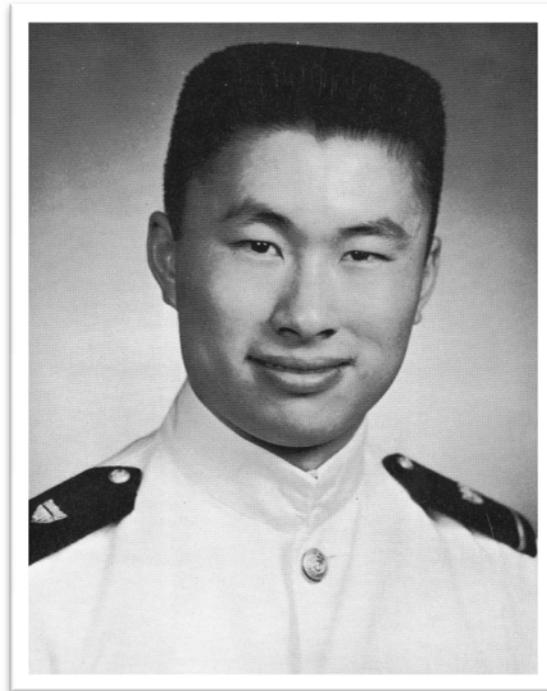


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Kwang-Ping Hsu, USCG

Captain Kwang-Ping Hsu was born in Shantung Province in China and immigrated to the United States with his family when he was eleven years old. In 1962, he became the first native Chinese American to graduate from the Coast Guard Academy. Hsu became an accomplished aviator, who flew in the Arctic and Antarctic and served for thirty years. He was commander at Barber's Point, Hawaii, in 1986, when he flew a Coast Guard HC-130 aircraft to Beijing, the first visit by a U.S. military aircraft to China since 1947. At an aerospace exhibition there, Captain Hsu and his crew provided tours of the HC-130 aircraft at Beijing's Capital Airport and gave a presentation on the advances in Coast Guard air-sea search and rescue techniques. Hsu later commanded Air Station Washington, where he flew the Coast Guard Commandant and other high-level officials to service-related destinations. He served his last tour at the Pentagon as Coast Guard liaison to the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Persian Gulf War. He retired from the service in 1992.