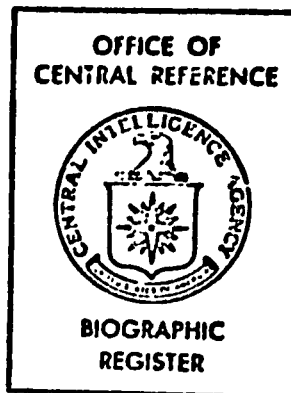


REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

CHUNG TAN CANG

Commander, Vietnamese Navy

Commodore Chung Tan Cang was named Commander of the Vietnamese Navy in November 1963 following the coup that deposed the Diem regime. Promoted from his rank as captain, Cang became Vietnam's first commodore when he accepted command of the navy. He is reportedly a good leader, intelligent, extremely polite, and a disciplinarian. He is friendly toward the United States and anti-Communist.



Chung Tan Cang was born in Gia Dinh province on 22 July 1926. After graduating from high school, he attended the Navigation School in Saigon. From 1948 until 1951 he was a merchant marine officer. He entered the Vietnamese Navy in 1952, serving with the River Forces until 1953, at which time he was assigned to minesweeper duty. In 1954 he was Operations Officer for the River Forces, and he was subsequently named commanding officer of the Vietnamese Navy Training Center, Nha Trang, serving from 1955 until 1958. In 1958-59 he received ten months of amphibious training in Coronado, California, and on 9 July 1959 he became commanding officer of the minesweeper Ham Tu II. Cang was appointed Commander of the River Forces in January 1960 and attended the Senior Foreign Officers Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, from August 1960 until June 1961.

Commodore Cang is a Roman Catholic, married, and has two children. He is fluent in French and speaks English fairly well. He has visited Hong Kong, Singapore, and Cambodia.

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