



Jimmy Ng
Lieutenant
Class of 1972



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Distinguished Flying Cross to
Lieutenant Jimmy Ng
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following citation:

Lieutenant Ng is cited for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the evening of 17 August 1980. During this period he was serving as pilot and aircraft commander of Coast Guard HH-3F 1471 engaged in the rescue of 17 seamen from the merchant vessel THERESA LEE which was filling with deadly ammonia gas, disabled, and sinking in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Dispatched from Coast Guard Air Station, Kodiak, Alaska, Lieutenant Ng flew the aircraft through the remnant of one of the worst typhoons of the season to the scene. Upon arrival and despite darkness, poor visibility and turbulence in rain showers, Lieutenant Ng maneuvered the helicopter to a position over the violently pitching vessel as two dewatering pumps were lowered to the survivors. These pumps eventually saved the ship from sinking. Lieutenant Ng was now into his third launch of the day having accumulated 4.3 hours of flight time and eight hours of crew mission time on another SAR case. Facing fatigue and wind gusts of 65 knots and 40 foot seas combined with minimal visual references in the rain, Lieutenant Ng maintained his position above THERESA LEE until the 17 seamen had been hoisted to safety. With the fuel now a critical factor, Lieutenant Ng proceeded to the closest landing area, Port Heidon, Alaska. While enroute, the cockpit filled with dense smoke accompanied by the acrid odor of an electrical fire. Reacting immediately, Lieutenant Ng directed the performance of the appropriate emergency procedures which successfully resulted in the elimination of the problem. The helicopter was then safely landed at Port Heidon. Lieutenant Ng's innovative actions, expert aeronautical skill and valor throughout this mission were instrumental in the successful rescue of the 17 seamen. His courage, sound judgment and unwavering devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

Lieutenant Ng retired at the rank of Captain.
