



Name in English: Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon

Name in Chinese: 钟云 [鍾雲]

Name in Pinyin: Zhōng Yún

Gender: Male

Birth Year: 1910-1979

Birth Place: Honolulu, Hawaii

Profession: Federal Government, Military Officer, USN Rear Admiral

Education: 1934, US Naval Academy, Annapolis

Awards: Commander Chung-Hoon was awarded the [Navy Cross](#) and [Silver Star](#) for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism as commanding officer of [USS Sigsbee \(DD-502\)](#) from May 1944 to October 1945; 2003, an Aegis Class guided missile destroyer, [USS Chung-Hoon \(DDG-93\)](#), was named in his honor.

Contribution (s): Admiral for the United States Navy, USN Commander during World War II. Gordon Chung-Hoon's father, William Chung-Hoon Jr., was a County Treasurer in Hawaii and his mother was Agnes Punana, a native Hawaiian. While attending the United States Naval Academy, Chung-Hoon gained recognition as the football team's halfback and punter. His team broke an eleven year winless streak against the Army. At the time of Pearl Harbor, Chung-Hoon was attached to the USS Arizona. He commanded the USS Sigsbee from May 1944 to October 1945. He was honored with a Navy Cross and Silver Star for his leadership on the USS Sigsbee during two battles in 1945.

In 1945, while screening a carrier strike force off Kyushu, the Sigsbee helped shoot down twenty Japanese fighters. Later in 1945, the Sigsbee suffered a kamikaze attack in Okinawa, disabling the destroyer's port engine and steering control. Instead of ordering an evacuation, Admiral Chung-Hoon rallied his men. The Sigsbee continued to fire at enemy planes effectively as it struggled back to port.

Chung-Hoon retired from the Navy in 1959 as a rear admiral and was appointed by Hawaii's governor as the director of the state Department of Agriculture.

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