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CAPT Wang was born in Hong Kong and grew up in Seattle, Washington. He received his commission in 1988 through the NROTC program at the University of Washington where he received a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science. He holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (1995) and a Master of Arts (MA) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College (2008). He is also a graduate of the Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management and the Defense Language Institute (Tagalog).

CAPT Wang began his career as a Surface Warfare Officer and had blended assignments in the active and reserve components. As a Surface Warfare Officer, he served aboard the USS FLETCHER (DD-992) as the Communications Officer and the Main Propulsion Assistant. As a reserve component SWO, he served with Mobile Undersea Warfare Unit 104 in San Jose, CA and the Naval Control of Shipping Unit 120 in Tacoma, Washington. CAPT Wang performed three significant extended active duty periods to include USPACOM Legislative Affairs (1995), and with COMSEVENTHFLT as JTF Exercise Planner (1996-1997) and Assistant Logistics Operations Planner (1999).

CAPT Wang returned to active duty in 1999 and served at Commander, Navy Personnel Command as the Officer Adverse Matters Officer (PERS-834); Director, Fleet Reserve, Officer Retirements, and Limited Duty branch (PERS-82); and finished his tour in Millington as the Deputy Director for Career Progression and Promotions (PERS-8B). He then reported to Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan as the Chief Staff Officer from 2004-2007.

CAPT Wang became a Foreign Area Officer (FAO) (Asia Pacific) in 2008. As an FAO, his tours included serving as the first full-time Officer Community Manager (OCM) for the community at BUPERS-3 in Millington, TN from 2009-2011. He was the Military Associate Dean of the School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA from 2011-2013. From 2014-2017, CAPT Wang was the Senior Defense Official/ Defense and Naval Attaché in Singapore. He served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategy and Engagements at US Seventh Fleet from 2017-2019. He is a fully qualified Asia Pacific FAO, and his languages include Chinese Mandarin, Cantonese, and Tagalog.

CAPT Wang's awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal, the Department of State Meritorious Honor Award, and various unit and service awards.