

Biographical Sketch Vernon Chong, MD

- **Lincoln Hills resident:** December, 2000.
- **Birthplace:** Fresno, California.
- **Education:**
 - Fresno High School, 1951.
 - Bachelor of Arts – Stanford University, 1955.
 - Doctor of Medicine – Stanford University School of Medicine, 1958.
- **Specialty:** General Surgery, Certified by the American Board of Surgery, 1964.
- **1963-1994:** United States Air Force.
 - Served as staff general surgeon, Chief of General Surgery, instructor in surgery, Chairman of Department of Surgery, Director of Medical Education, Director of Clinical and Hospital Services (Chief of Medical Staff), Deputy Commander and Commander.
 - Commander (Chief Executive Officer) of three major United States Air Force teaching medical centers.
 - Headquarters Command Surgeon of three major military commands.
 - Served as a surgeon/flight surgeon on the Department of Defense (DoD) Launch Site Recovery and Emergency Surgery Teams for all of the manned Apollo, Skylab, and Apollo space mission launches.
- **1995-2003:** United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
 - Network Director (Chief Executive Officer) of Veterans Integrated Service Network 17 (Dallas, Texas). Network of 7 VA hospitals and multiple outlying VA clinics in Texas.
 - Special Assistant to Network Director (San Francisco) for special projects including leadership development and VA/DoD sharing.
- **Other Activities:**
 - Air Force Surgeon General's representative, Board of Regents, National Library of Medicine.
 - Board of Governors, American College of Surgeons
 - Board of Trustees, Air Force Village Foundation
 - Board of Managers, The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.
 - Executive Advisory Board, TriWest Healthcare Alliance
 - Board of Directors, Northern California Officers Retirement Community (Paradise Valley Estates).
 - California Veterans Board.
 - Board of Directors, Lincoln Hills Foundation.