

that might harbor insects detrimental to America's crops.

"When I was called to serve, I felt no hesitation and have 100 percent commitment to the cause," Agustin said upon his departure. This is despite the fact that he missed his daughter's graduation last December from the University of Nevada and his son's graduation this May from Damien High School. "I had an extra dog tag," said Agustin, "and I gave it to my son. I told him I would not be there when he graduated, but if he would wear my dog tag, I would be with him in spirit, and he would be in my heart."

About 20 years ago, Agustin came to Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), initially as a plank owner of the newly created Naval Reserve Unit 220, and later as a civilian in the Material Department. He worked for FISC for 15 years until the Material

Department evolved into DDPH in 1999.

In addition to his federal government and Naval Reserve job, Agustin, his father, and an uncle started a small lawn cutting business on the island where he lives. Perhaps his incentive to start the business came from the time he grew hundreds of fan palms and Manila palms from seed that were once sold for a FISC's Navy-Marine Corps Relief drive. Or it could be because he is known as the individual who planted the banana plants, palms, and various unknown plant species growing on the grounds of DDPH.

Upon his arrival from Kuwait last fall, Agustin and four of his fellow shipmates from FISC Pearl Harbor Naval Reserve Unit 220 were greeted by hundreds of friends and relatives who gathered at the Hawaii Okinawan Center.

"I can't stop looking out my window at the tree in my front yard," said Agustin, a few days after he returned from eight months of duty. "It reminds me that I really am home."

Agustin has served 24 years in the United States Navy Reserves and three years in the United States Navy. He has served aboard the USS Milwaukee AOR-2 and the USS Ashtabula AO-51. He says of his Navy career, "I have fond memories of all my tours in the Navy. I love being in the Navy."



Senior Chief Storekeeper (SKCS) Lito Agustin, Jr. spent eight months in Kuwait with a Navy Customs Inspection Battalion, Camp Doha, Kuwait.



VADM Keith W. Lippert's, SC, USN (right) visits Senior Chief Storekeeper (SKCS) Lito Agustin, Jr. (left) in Iraq. VADM Lippert also visited other Defense Logistics Agency employees while he was there.



The five returning members of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor Naval Reserve Unit 220 (left to right): Storekeeper Second Class (SK2) Wilfredo Ben, Storekeeper First Class (SK1) Joe Rayray, Storekeeper Second Class (SK2) Saifoloi Saifoloi, Storekeeper First Class (SK1) Ben Alarcio, and Senior Chief Storekeeper (SKCS) Lito Agustin, Jr.

## DDTP ships life-saving artillery locator to Warfighters in Iraq

*System determines where rounds were fired from and where they will land*

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Employees at Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pa. (DDTP), worked quickly to push a state-of-the-art artillery locating system out the door destined for troops in Iraq.

The AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder has artillery-locating radar, enabling the Warfighters in Iraq to determine where incoming rounds were fired from and where they will land. The system also computes coordinates for a counterattack.

"The DDTP MEO [Most Efficient Organization] worked very hard to move this life-saving equipment to the Warfighter as quickly as possible," praised LTC Yvonne B. MacNamara, USA, DDTP Commander.



The AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder's artillery-locating radar is capable of determining where incoming rounds were fired from and where they will land and can also compute the coordinates for a counterattack.



Along with the Firefinder, DDTP shipped a five-ton truck equipped with a tactical quiet generator that cannot be detected from more than 400 meters.