



Faustino F. Bongcaras

Faustino F. Bongcaras (Tino), born in the Philippines, joined the US Navy in 1954 at age 23. He enlisted under the provisions of the Military Bases Agreement between the US and Republic of the Philippines of 1947. Tino reported for boot camp at NTC San Diego then deployed to Bermington, WA on the USS Lexington (1955-1960). He re-enlisted in 1960, then deployed to Taiwan on the USS Oriskany. In 1961, Tino served on the USS Agerholm in San Francisco, then deployed to Japan, WESTPAC (1961-1963) on the USS Mansfield. In 1962, Tino married Clotilde, his spouse of 55 years. In 1963, he was assigned to NAS Alameda and promoted to Chief Petty Officer. In 1965, Tino received survival training at NAB Coronado then deployed to Danang, Vietnam (1965-1966). In late 1966, he served on the USS Tolovana, then deployed again to Vietnam (1967-1968). After serving in the Vietnam War, he received orders to Guam in 1969 and re-enlisted in 1970. In 1971, he received orders to Rota, Spain. In 1974, Tino, Clotilde and their three children returned stateside to Long Beach. After 21 years of service, he was honorably discharged at the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. Tino said his military career enabled him to see the world. He then gave 20 years of civil service with the US Postal Service and retired in 1995. Tino passed at age 86 after years of dedication and devotion to family and country.

