



VOLUME 4 NUMBER 4

USS BENNINGTON

CAPT J. S. HILL, USN
Commanding Officer
CDR D. W. MONSON, USN
Executive Officer
ENS H. E. MILLER, USNR
Public Information Officer

The Hukster is published monthly by the Public Information Office of the USS BENNINGTON CVS-20 in compliance with NAVEXOS P-35.

This publication is printed on board with government equipment, and is financed from non-appropriated funds at no cost to the government. The Hukster is a member of the Armed Forces Press Service. All Photographs are Official US Navy Photos unless otherwise credited.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Pete Strout
Mike McCall Joe Nemecsek
Gary Cooper

PRODUCTION

M. L. Mills	LII
E. C. Adams	LII
R. E. Mullen	LII
R. L. Gabriel	SN
L. G. Adams	SN
B. A. Shannon	SA

About The Cover

The Great Buddha, located at Kotoku-in Temple, Kamakura, is a famous sight-seeing spot not only for foreign tourists, but also for Japanese school children, seen on the cover.

The Buddha was once enclosed in a large temple, but in 1495 a tidal wave washed the temple away leaving only the Buddha, which has remained in the open air ever since.

The statue, approximately 44 ft. in height and weighing 121 tons, has been a symbol of mercy and repose for 700 years.

Shinto Shrine

At the left is the Shinto Shrine, Itsukushima, located on the island of Miyajima, where kamikaze pilots prayed before flying their perilous missions; as visited by Beam sailors while at Iwakuni.