



BENNINGTON's new senior chaplain is CDR James C. Rittenhouse. The Protestant Chaplain reported aboard BENN just prior to the ship's departure from Long Beach.

The new 'Padre' has just completed a tour of duty at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. His family, consisting of his wife, four daughters and a son, is currently residing in Virginia Beach until BENN returns from the cruise. The Chaplain's family will join him then in Long Beach.

Chaplain Rittenhouse is a former enlisted man in the Marine Corps having served as an aerial and ground photographer with the First Marine Air Wing and the Third Marine Division. During World War II, Chaplain Rittenhouse landed with the Marines on Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

Since he became a chaplain, his duty has been with the Marine Corps, the Service Forces, a naval hospital and a Navy cruiser. BENN is his third tour of duty with naval aviation.

"which is my favorite type of Navy duty anyway," says the Chaplain.

# OFF THE CUFF

I would like to put a plug in for the human attribute we call "cheerfulness." Out here on Yankee Station it's hot and humid. Our fine ship predates the era of 100 per cent air conditioning. We are at sea continuously for long periods of time. Our hours on the job are long. Although many of our tasks are exciting, many are repetitive and can be tedious. The stage is set for short tempers and grouches -- the antithesis of cheerfulness.

But let one of the crew come on stage with a smile, a word of praise, a joke, and you find his cheerfulness is contagious. I believe one cheerful person can offset a dozen grouches.

I know this isn't always easy. To say the least, I have my moments when I'm counted among the less-than-cheerful. But what is needed is a conscientious effort to look on the pleasant side of things and make light of those things that are annoying.

This will not only make our life at sea more pleasant, but more important, it will help us do a better job. We're out here to do all we can to preserve the freedom of the South Vietnamese people. Getting the job done well is important not only to the South Vietnamese, it is equally important to all the people in the Free World.

Cheerfulness costs nothing but a little extra effort. Let's try harder in the months ahead to be cheerful with our shipmates and in this small way better contribute to the success of our mission in Southeast Asia.

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## Inside Story

Believe it or not another issue of the ROARING 20 has come off the BENNINGTON presses with stories dating back to the time when the ship was undergoing ORE in Hawaiian waters.

A set schedule for the completion of the magazine has been established. Each and every month ROARING 20 will go down to the Print Shop on the fifth and will be ready for delivery to the crew on the 15th.

The ROARING 20 staff plans to carry pictures galore of ports visited during the month, entertainment on the ship, daily routine evolutions, features covering various divisions, and of course RM3 David Kampf's cartoons.

Many sailors and officers have few chances to take pictures on the ship and occasionally become so involved with their jobs that they sometimes become oblivious of what is actually going on around them. If you fall into this category, the ROARING 20 is especially made for you. What better way can you show the folks back home what the ship and you are doing?

The back cover of the ROARING 20 contains a mailer. Simply fold the magazine so the mailer is in full view, fill out the address form, stick on a stamp and drop the magazine at the Post Office. Your family will greatly appreciate this gesture and may even respond by sending you one of those highly treasured "ge-dunk" packages.