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## Editorial

With this issue the JET BLAST takes on a New Look. The page size is smaller and the type is different. However, there are more pages than ever before, and more photographs. So, not only does the paper look more like a tabloid with every issue but it also weighs more each time.

There are reasons for the change in appearance. First, there is no more large paper on hand and no new paper can be gotten in tropical Gitmo. Second, an ailing type-setting machine has had a final breakdown and the paper has had to be set up on an office typewriter. Also, some new features have been added. There is an article about flight deck activities the first full scale coverage of a major phase of the ship's operations.

Then, the arrival of the ship in a warm climate has caused a sudden increase in athletics and the newspaper has its first full sports page. Another first in this issue is the publication of original writing by members of the crew.

So, while part of the New Look is caused by necessity, the addition of the last three new features is a move to make the JET BLAST a clearer picture of the ship and of the men aboard it.



*Help Keep Your Ship Clean*



## MEDITATION CORNER

by FATHER B.V. CUNNINGHAM

James J. Corbett was asked what was the greatest one thing about boxing. His reply is a classic. "Fight one more round." When your feet are so tired that you have to shuffle back to the ring---"fight one more round." When your arms are so tired that you can hardly lift your hands to come on guard---"fight one more round." When your nose is bleeding and your eyes black and swollen and you're so tired that you wish your opponent would crack you one on the jaw and put you to sleep---"fight one more round" remembering that the man who fights one more round is never whipped.

All men on board can profit much from the advice of Jim Corbett. We need the courage of fighters at all times. If we allow discouragement to creep into our lives, our service is of little use to our country.

There are many factors that might get us down. These factors are mainly spiritual, but may be physical or social as well. Too many "liberties" which are not genuinely recreational. Recreation comes from two Latin words; "re" meaning again, and "creo" meaning to bring back to life. The liberty which does not "recreate" or bring back to life dormant energies is useless and very often leads to discouragement. You know the type. It begins with a brew and very often ends in a big head or a brawl. Homesickness, too, takes its toll. Worry over conditions at home, general physical let-down, disagreeable jobs, and a lack of sympathy on the part of your shipmates.

We should try to adjust ourselves to conditions as we find them and even though we feel like throwing in the towel, try "to fight one more round." The champion is made, not born. Difficulties test and prove the "mettle" of the fighter just as fire is used to test and prove the value of steel. A real man proves himself when the "heat is on." You do your best and God will do the rest.

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