



It Ain't The Same Somehow!

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Listen to the stillness! The quiet of "Big Benn" minus her aircraft appears strange to myself and others like me who have been crew members just long enough to have "enjoyed" the GMD shake-down cruise.

The roaring of the AD's and whining of the jets was a sound the ears accustomed themselves to after a few days of flight operations. Now, with the carrier's primary function missing we might as well be a cruiser or battlewagon. The usual working routine goes on during working hours but many changes are noticed.

Those ship's stores and chow lines are magically shortened without the air group. No mess deck movies brings a cheer of approval also. And when holiday routine commences, the hangar deck is transformed into a public playground and gymnasium. Card games take a back seat as our athletic minded men, attired in shorts and sneakers, go thru their paces with basketball, volleyball, badminton and what have you. Catch that guy lighting-up without even asking if the smoking lamp is on or off...that's something you won't see after we leave the west coast.

October 15 Is New Deadline For Ship's Insignia Contest

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For the benefit of JET BLAST readers who are still confused about the Bennington's policy concerning water hours, the following information is presented.

Water is on during these hours.

0000 to 0100
0400 to 0830
1100 to 1300
1600 to 1800
2000 to 2100

These hours will take effect upon notice when the fresh water consumption is over 22 gallons per man for one day.

Would you like to win \$50.00 in prizes? The contest for a ship's insignia closes out at 1200 on October 15th so there is still plenty of time to cash in on this deal. Among a crew of this size much artistic talent must lie hidden. It is well worth a little time and effort to give it a try. The rules are as follows:

1. The design of the emblem should suggest qualities of dignity and strength.
2. The design may be in color or in black and white with colors indicated. No more than four colors shall be used.
3. The design is to be drawn actual size on plain white paper approximately eight inches by ten inches in size.
4. There is no limit to the number of entries a man may submit. Each entry must have the man's name and division on the back.
5. The deadline for entries will be 1200, 15 October 1955.
6. All entries except the winning entry will be returned upon request.
7. The judges will be the members of the Recreation Council and Chairman of the Recreation Committee.
8. The prize for the winning design will be an item in the Ship's store of not more than \$50.00 value, to be selected within 15 days of the close of the contest.

San Diego Information

An open letter on a program sponsored by San Diego Navy Wives Clubs to assist newly arriving service families is now available in the Personnel Office. There is information concerning problems which arise upon arrival in a new community and many other helpful facts.

That squawk-box hasn't half as much to say, for sure. Another item is the cars on the hangar deck which add a honey sort of touch. For with a little imagination, one could almost believe he was back on Main St. And a glance at the license plates shows a lot of Main Streets are represented.

Not many sharp tie-down wires to trip over during darken ship either! Even the odors are changed as the sniffing of gas gives way to the aroma of fresh paint.

No, a carrier may not be complete without her planes but it sure is different.