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USS Blue Ridge



Captain Brett E. Crozier
 Commanding Officer (June 2017 - November 2018)

Captain Crozier, a native of Santa Rosa, California, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1992 and was design Aviator in 1994.

Following completion of flight training, he was assigned to HSL-37 in Barbers Point, Hawaii, as a SH-60B Seahawk pilot. He board USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and USS Fletcher (DD 992) in support of operations in the Pacific Ocean and Operation South the Arabian Gulf.

Captain Crozier then reported to Navy Personnel Command in 1999 as an aviation detailer and retention program manager. F tour, he completed an aircraft transition to the F/A-18 Hornet and in 2002 reported to VFA-97 in Lemoore, Calif. While ass 'Warhawks,' he deployed with USS Nimitz (CVN 68) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2003.

In 2004, Captain Crozier reported to VFA-94 as a department head and deployed with the 'Mighty Shrikes' on board Nimitz in 2 support of OIF. Captain Crozier was assigned to VFA-125 in 2006 and served as an instructor and FRS Operations Officer. Follow with the 'Rough Raiders,' he reported in 2007 to the Naval War College and earned a Master's Degree in National Security i Studies.

In August 2010, Captain Crozier completed an assignment as the Commanding Officer of VFA-94 in Lemoore. During this tou squadron on successful expeditionary deployments with Marine Aircraft Group 12 based out of MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, in supp operations and the Global War on Terror.

Following command, Captain Crozier reported to Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO in Naples, Italy and served as the Lea for Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn and Combined Joint Task Force Deputy Director of Targeting for NATO's Operation Unified Prc

In April 2014, Captain Crozier completed the Naval Nuclear Power training program and served as the Executive Officer of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) until July 2016. During this tour the part in RIMPAC 2014, two maintenance availabilities, the forward deployment to Yokosuka, Japan to relieve the USS George Washington (CVN 73) as the Nation's only forward deployed ai and several FDNF deployments in the PACOM AOR.

Captain Crozier assumed command of the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) in Yokosuka, Japan in June of 2017.

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<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/USS-Blue-Ridge-CWO4-Retires-After-30-Years-of-Honorable-Service.aspx>

USS Blue Ridge CWO4 Retires After 30 Years of Honorable Service (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/USS-Blue-Ridge-CWO4-Retires-After-30-Years-of-Honorable-Service.aspx>)

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS)— The U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) bid farewell to Chief Warrant Officer Four Stephen E. Wyrick Dec. 8, after retiring from 30 years of Naval service.



<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/JMSDF-Members-Visits-Blue-Ridge-for-Holiday-Exchange-.aspx>

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Members from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) ship JS Uruga (MST 463) visited USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), U.S. 7th Fleet command ship, for an annual holiday gift exchange with Blue Ridge crew members Dec. 14.

JMSDF



<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/U.S.-Navys-Oldest-Operational-Ship-Completes-Dry-Dock-Maintenance.aspx>

U.S. Navys Oldest Operational Ship Completes Dry Dock Maintenance (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/U.S.-Navys-Oldest-Operational-Ship-Completes-Dry-Dock-Maintenance.aspx>)

U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) undocked and moored pierside at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka after completing a scheduled extended dry-dock selected restricted availability (EDSRA) maintenance period on Jan. 21.



<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Navys-Flagship-Completes-1st-Certification-Since-Returning-Pierside.aspx>

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U.S. Seventh Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) recently took another step toward a full return to sea capability with the completion of their Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) certification February 16.

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<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/10December2015-1May2017.aspx>

CDR Jason Eckhardt

<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/10December2015-1May2017.aspx>

Start Date: December 2015
 End Date: November 2017

Junior



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Junior-Officers-Gain-Valuable-Experiences-on-MS-C-Bridge.aspx>)

Officers Gain Valuable Experiences on MSC Bridge (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Junior-Officers-Gain-Valuable-Experiences-on-MS-C-Bridge.aspx>)

YOKOSUKA (NNS) – Junior officers from U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) recently gained valuable experience aboard USNS Walter S. Diehl (TA-O 193) as part of an effort to qualify watchstanders while Blue Ridge continues a vital maintenance and upkeep period pier-side in Yokosuka.



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Blue-Ridge-Undergoes-FSO-M-Certification.aspx>)

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YOKOSUKA (NNS) – The crew of U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) successfully completed Fleet Support Operations-Medical (FSO-M) 1.1 and 1.2 assessments conducted Feb 20-March 12.

Blue Ridge Undergoes FSO-M Certification



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Blue-Ridge-Earns-FSO-M-Certification.aspx>)

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Blue Ridge Earns FSO-M Certification



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Returning-to-Readiness-USS-Blue-Ridge-Marks-Major-Maintenance-Milestone.aspx>)

Returning to Readiness: USS Blue Ridge Marks Major Maintenance Milestone (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Returning-to-Readiness-USS-Blue-Ridge-Marks-Major-Maintenance-Milestone.aspx>)

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) – USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) reached a major milestone April 26 with the marking of their Propulsion Plant Production Completion Date (PCD) – end of all major maintenance evolutions.



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/USS-Blue-Ridge-Crew-Completes-Light-Off-Assessment-Ignites-Boilers.aspx>)

USS Blue Ridge Crew Completes Light-Off Assessment, Ignites Boilers (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/USS-Blue-Ridge-Crew-Completes-Light-Off-Assessment-Ignites-Boilers.aspx>)

YOKOSUKA, Japan– The crew of the U.S. 7th Fleet Flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) completed a week-long Light Off Assessment (LOA) and subsequent light-off of its boilers, May 22.



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/US-7th-Fleet-Flagship-Welcomes-Acclaimed-Mountain-Climber.aspx>)

Fleet Flagship Welcomes Acclaimed Mountain Climber (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/US-7th-Fleet-Flagship-Welcomes-Acclaimed-Mountain-Climber.aspx>)

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) -- The crew of U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) welcomed aboard explorer and mountaineer Matt Moniz, June 12.

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(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Secretary-of-the-Navy-Tours-USS-Blue-Ridge.aspx>)

Secretary of the Navy Tours USS Blue Ridge (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/Secretary-of-the-Navy-Tours-USS-Blue-Ridge.aspx>)

Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer met with leadership and spoke to service-members aboard U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) during a ship visit as part of a tour July 12.

Secretary of the Navy Tours USS Blue Ridge



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/26January2016-23March2018.aspx>)
Command Master Chief

(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/26January2016-23March2018.aspx>)

Start Date: January 2016
End Date: March 2018



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/2May2017-3February2019.aspx>)
Executive Officer

(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/2May2017-3February2019.aspx>)

Start Date: May 2017
End Date: February 2019



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/15January2020.aspx>)
CDMCM Grant

(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/15January2020.aspx>)

Start Date: March 2018
End Date: January 2020



(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/7th-Fleet-Leadership-Welcomes-Marine-Forces-Japan-aboard-USS-Blue-Ridge.aspx>)

7th Fleet Leadership Welcomes Marine Forces Japan aboard USS Blue Ridge

(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/7th-Fleet-Leadership-Welcomes-Marine-Forces-Japan-aboard-USS-Blue-Ridge.aspx>)

The embarked staff and crew of USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) hosted Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF)/Commander, Marine Forces Japan, who toured the ship while moored at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Sep. 18.



USS Blue Ridge Changes Command

(<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcc19/Pages/USS-Blue-Ridge-Changes-Command.aspx>)

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YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) -- U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) held a change of command ceremony on the ship's main deck Nov. 16.