

THE LIGHTHOUSE



WELCOME ABOARD USS BLUE RIDGE



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HISTORY OF THE USS BLUE RIDGE

FEBRUARY 27, 1967

A flagship was born. Its keel was laid at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Here, for the first time is a platform built from the keel up to accomplish the mission of command and control coordination.

NOVEMBER 14, 1970

USS Blue Ridge christened as a warship at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

APRIL 9, 1971

Blue Ridge arrives in homeport San Diego, her home for the next 8 years.

JULY 2, 1979

Blue Ridge leaves for Yokosuka, Japan

JULY 17, 1979

Blue Ridge is moored at its new forward-deployed port in Yokosuka, Japan

OCTOBER, 1979

Blue Ridge becomes the permanent flagship of Commander, 7th Fleet.

AUGUST 1990- APRIL 1991

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Blue Ridge served as flagship for Commander, United States Naval Forces Central Command. The 9-and-a-half month deployment earned the ship a Navy Unit Commendation Medal.

THROUGH THE YEARS

Blue Ridge has earned nine Battle Efficiency "E" Awards, and in 2010 and 2011 earned the Captain Edward F. Ney Award for best food service for large deck ship in the fleet.

BLUE RIDGE CHAIN OF COMMAND



COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT NICHOLAS DeLEO



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR JOHNATHAN GREEBERG



COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
CMDCM DAMIEN PULVINO



GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Dear Shipmate,

Welcome aboard USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), the lead ship of the two Blue Ridge-class amphibious command ships, and flagship for Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet. We are forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan; a historic naval facility located 45 miles southwest of Tokyo.

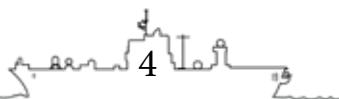
Our mission is to ensure Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet is able to conduct sustained operations at sea as part of the largest forward deployed fleet within the U.S. Navy. There are few duty stations in the Navy as professionally challenging and personally rewarding as being aboard Blue Ridge.

As part of our unique mission, we participate in multiple major Naval, joint service and multi-national exercises each year and make numerous port visits to countries in the Western Pacific. Ports visited include Australia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, and Thailand among many others. As a part of the forward deployed nature of the ship, we spend approximately 50% of our year away from our homeport of Yokosuka.

Whether you are ship's company or a ship rider, I am pleased to have you aboard Blue Ridge and look forward to meeting and working alongside you. Again, Welcome Aboard!

Sincerely,

Nicholas DeLeo
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer



The Blue Ridge Mission

USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) represents a unique achievement in the Navy's command and control ship design and represents the accumulated knowledge of over five decades of the Navy's experience in control and coordination.

Blue Ridge uses computers, communications equipment and other electronic facilities to fulfill her mission as command ship for the United States 7th Fleet. Her secondary function is command ship for the Amphibious Task Force and Landing Force commanders during fleetwide operations, as well as a Commander, Joint Task Force (CJTF) flagship when national interests require.

Blue Ridge is the most capable command ship ever built. The Global Command and Control System (Maritime) consists of high-powered computers throughout the ship from which information and data from world-wide sources are entered into a central database.

This integrated database concentrates the available information into a complete tactical picture of air, surface and subsurface contacts, enabling the fleet commander to quickly assess any situation. With state of the art commercial and military satellite capability, coupled with the ability to track land, sea, and air movements throughout the region, Blue Ridge is among the most technologically advanced ships in the world.

Blue Ridge is a great improvement in ship design, not only in speed, but also in habitability. Fitness rooms, air conditioning, ship's stores, spacious galley and messing areas all make life at sea pleasant for the crew and embarked staff. Blue Ridge has accommodations for over 250 officers, 1,050 enlisted men and 150 enlisted females.

The ship is slated to remain in Yokosuka until 2039, more than 29 years beyond her originally estimated decommissioning date.

BOARDING THE SHIP



STEP ONE

Walk up the brow and stop just before stepping aboard. Face the aft end of the ship and salute the ensign. If you are not in uniform, stand at attention facing the aft end of the ship for a second. Although it may not be visible, the ensign flies at the aft end of the ship between 0800 and sunset.

STEP TWO

Step off the brow and approach the Watch. Face the Watch, holding your military ID in your left hand where the Watch can see it. If in uniform, salute the Watch and request permission to come aboard. If you are not in uniform, stand at attention and request permission to come aboard.

STEP THREE

The Watch will return your salute and/or grant you permission to come aboard. You may now move about the ship freely. Be sure to leave the quarterdeck promptly to help keep traffic flowing.

NOTE

If it is before 0800 and after sunset/evening colors, you do not salute the ensign before approaching the Watch. If you are in civilian clothes, you are still required to render honors to the ensign by standing at attention.

TO DEPART THE SHIP

follow the same steps for boarding in reverse. Approach the Watch with your military ID and request permission to go ashore (enlisted), or inform the Watch that you have permission to go ashore (officers). The Watch will return your salute and grant permission to go ashore (enlisted) or acknowledge that you are going ashore (officers).

Before crossing the brow, salute the ensign and depart the ship. Just like with boarding the ship, only salute the ensign after 0800 and before evening colors.

If you are in civilian clothes render honors by standing at attention.

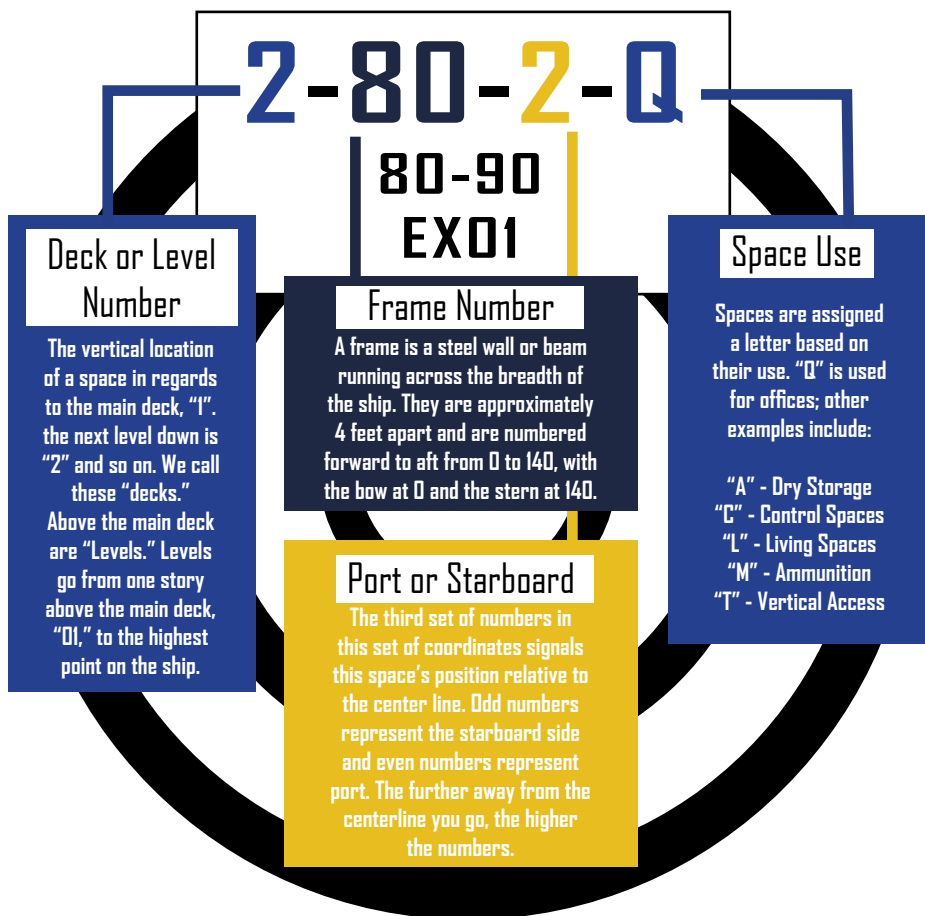


NAVIGATING INSIDE THE SHIP

The Blue Ridge is a large ship, and an easy place to get lost. For the unfamiliar, passageways quickly begin to look alike. An easy way to find out where you are and figure out where to go is by using the ship's bullseyes.

Bullseyes can be found on bulkheads opposite entryways.

THIS IS WHAT A BULLSEYE LOOKS LIKE



PACKING FOR UNDERWAY

UNIFORM ITEMS

NWU TYPE III
FRVs
UNDERSHIRTS
UNDERWEAR
SOCKS
COVERS
FOUL-WEATHER GEAR
STEEL-TOE BOOTS
REGULATION PT GEAR

REMEMBER TO
LABEL YOUR
GEAR!

LOCK UP
YOUR
PERSONAL
ITEMS!

TOILETRIES

SHOWER SHOES
SHOWER KIT
LAUNDRY BAG
TOWEL(s)

PERSONAL GEAR

PASSPORT
MEDICAL ID
MEDICATION
GLASSES (if required)

BEDDING (OPTIONAL!)

SHEETS
PILLOW
BLANKET

UNAUTHORIZED PERSONAL ITEMS:

MATTRESS TOPPERS
HEATED BLANKETS
RUGS
REFRIGERATORS
EXTENSION CORDS
HOT PLATES
READING LAMPS
MICROWAVES

HEATING PADS
ELECTRIC CLOCK RADIOS
RICE COOKERS
VAPES
TRANSFORMERS
PORTABLE VACUUMS
HEAT LAMPS
PORTABLE AC UNITS

SHIP SAFETY

USS Blue Ridge is a warship and contains many **unexpected hazards**. To ensure your safety please follow these guidelines:

Watch your step:

Step **over** knee-knockers (dividers in between passageways) in the passageways, not on them. Always take your time going up and down ladders (stairs) and hold on to the handrails. Our ladderwells are steeper than most civilian staircases and may be slippery at times.

DO NOT PUSH ANY BUTTONS, PULL ANY PINS OR TURN ANY WHEELS!

Stay out of restricted areas:

Stay away from areas that are posted as unauthorized.

Watch out when closing doors and hatches:

Open and close hatches without putting your hands, fingers and legs in harm's way.

When wearing personal music players, on the ship, keep one ear bud out to be informed of emergencies or announcements.

Going Out onto the Flight Deck:

NO COVERS outside the skin of the ship when the ship is in flight quarters.

The main deck is **SECURED** for all non-essential foot traffic during flight operations.

Only **QUALIFIED** or **ESSENTIAL** personnel are allowed on the flight during flight operations.

ALWAYS wear proper flight deck gear when going out on the flight deck.

FOREIGN OBJECT DAMAGE (FOD) awareness: FOD prevention is an ALL HANDS program. FOD (of any type) should never be introduced to the flight deck or hangar bay. Maintain accountability of your tools, parts, personal items, etc.

NO LOOSE OBJECTS, including ballcaps, on your person when on the flight deck. Loose objects create a FOD hazard.



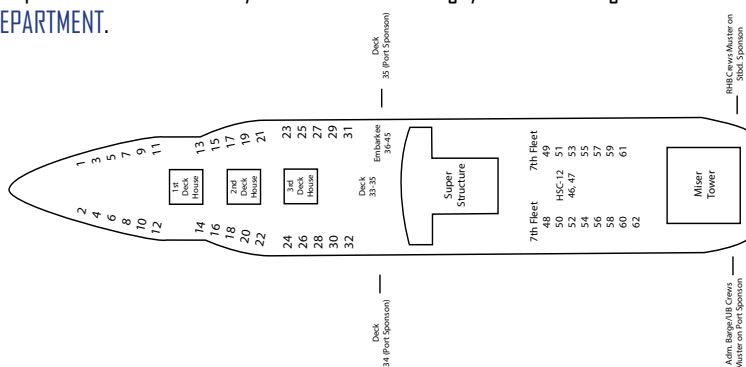
BASIC SHIPBOARD INFORMATION

LEARN YOUR DESIGNATED MUSTERING LOCATIONS BEFORE AN EMERGENCY!

If **GENERAL QUARTERS (GQ)** is sounded, immediately make way to your mustering location in the most direct manner and remain there until GQ is finished. **DO NOT BREAK "ZEBRA" BOUNDARIES FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY.** Make way for responders!

For **MAN OVERBOARD**, muster at your division's designated location for accountability as fast as possible. Report accountability to the **PILOT HOUSE** within 8 minutes.

For **ABANDON SHIP**, muster at your designated life raft with your cover, flash gear, and portable life preserver. In the event your life raft is missing, you will be assigned a new one by **DECK DEPARTMENT**.



LISTEN to all IMC announcements (they are important and may apply to you!)

Transitioning through **OFFICER**, **CPD**, **BERTHING**, and **STAFF** country spaces should be limited to official business only.

Only smoke in **DESIGNATED AREAS**. Vaping is **NOT AUTHORIZED** on a ship.
Only spit in containers with a lid that closes, labeled with your name.



MAIL AND PO-BOX INFO

Check in with the Post Office, (4-9I-2-Q) to receive your PO Box Number. Divisional Mail Orderlies will pickup mail daily, only registered Mail Orderlies can pickup mail from the Post Office.

REGULAR:

Mon-Fri: 0900-1100, 1300-1600

LIBERTY PORT:

Mon-Fri: 1300-1600

J-DIAL: 4434

BLUE RIDGE ADDRESS

USS BLUE RIDGE LCC 19

UNIT 100102 BOX ____

FPO, AP 96628

7TH FLEET ADDRESS

COMSEVENTHFLT

UNIT 200225 BOX ____

FPO, AP 96602

NAVY CASH CARD AND SHIP STORE INFO

Purchases can be made on the ship using Navy Cash. This is a debit card, linked to a personal bank account, that will allow you to buy items in the Pier 19 Ship Store and Vending Machines. Navy Cash Cards can also be used to transfer money from user to user, and are pre-loaded using US dollars or your bank account.

Visitor Cards are issued to foreign visitors, and can be loaded using US Dollars only at the Disbursing Office (4-78-2-Q)

J-DIAL: 4440

Pier 19 Ship Store (3-I35-2-Q)

Underway: 0800-1100, 1300-1600, 1800-2000

(Sun/Holiday 1230-1600)

In Port: 0830-1100, 1230-1400 (Friday 0830-1130)

(WKND/Holiday Closed)

Liberty Port: 0800-1100, 1230-1400



MEDIA DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The media services division (VIOI) provides public affairs, photo, video, graphic design, and print services for Blue Ridge and embarked 7th Fleet staff.

Services can be requested via the Blue Ridge share point page through the Shipboard Service Desk Hub under "Media Services Helpdesk."

MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION:

Media Production Control J-DIAL: 4155
Public Affairs Officer/LCPO J-DIAL: 4151

PAO Distro E-Mail: BLR-PAO@lcc19.navy.mil

STUDIO HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday:
0900-1100
1300-1500

PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Blue Ridge Personnel Office handles personnel matters to include:

- Processes all newly reporting enlisted personnel
- Processes all transfers and separations
- PSD Liaison
- Ship's muster report
- Process all pay entitlements
- Process E-Leave and reports
- Orders and administers all Navy Wide Exams
- Process Common Access Card (CAC) and DEERS enrollment
- Process No-fee and Tourist Passport applications

Personnel Office (4-76-2-Q)

J-DIAL: 4125

0900-1100

1300-1500

ELECTRICAL SAFETY



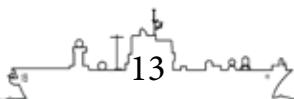
You **MUST** get your personal electrical equipment safety checked at tool issue (all chargers, TVs, game consoles, etc) before plugging it in.

Unauthorized items: Fans, portable extension cords, high-intensity lamps, reading lamps, electric blankets, heating pads, electric power driven tools, heat/sun lamps, hot plates and griddles, microwave ovens, portable extension lights, electric heaters, portable air conditioners, and immersion type water heaters. Mini refrigerators must be approved by the CO.

Power strips and surge suppressors must be specifically designed for shipboard use and cannot be used in series. Only one power strip may be plugged into any receptacle box. Plastic power strips are a no-go!

There are only 6 models of power strips authorized by the NSTM 300 which include:

1. Brooks Power Systems Model Z6-6 (2P) NSN 6150-01-362-7192
2. HFS Inc. NSN 6150-01-362-7192
3. SK Inc. Model 5000 no NSN available, phone 800-367-4216
4. EFI Electronics Corporation Model MPS 453 EFI-120A, no NSN available, phone 800-877-1174
5. EFI Electronics Corp. Model MPS-6, NSN 6150-01-362-7192
6. International Power Technologies (IPT) Model



SUPPLY SERVICES

BARBER

J-DIAL: 4439

4-76-2-Q

Underway:

0800-1100

1300-1600

1800-2000

Sunday: 1230-1600

In Port:

0830-1000

1230-1400

Friday: 0900-1130

Liberty Port:

0830-1100

CLEANING GEAR LOCKER

6-118-1-A

Monday-Thursday:

0800-0830

Friday:

0800-0830

1300-1330

WASTE MANAGEMENT

3-54-2-Q

Pulpable trash:

1400-1500

Other:

0800-0900

KHAKI LAUNDRY

A yellow tag should be placed next to the Khaki's laundry on a hook next to the stateroom or berthing, and the information on said tag should be filled out PRIOR TO PICK-UP. Laundry will be moved to the Khaki's stateroom the following day.

VIP: Mon-Fri OFFICERS: Mon-Wed CPD: Tues-Thurs (Saturday Underway)

J-DIAL: 4435

CREW LAUNDRY

Self-service laundry (5-86-5-Q) is available 24/7!

You cannot wash bedding or uniforms. Make sure to clean out dryer lint traps to prevent dryer fires. Bring your own detergent or purchase some from the Ship's Store.

BULK LAUNDRY:

Mon 0830-0930

PICKUP:

In Port:

1400-1500

At Sea:

1830-1930



RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND SHIPS LIBRARY

2-135-1-L

SHIP'S LIBRARY

-UNDERWAY-

Mon-Sat: 0800-2100

Sun: 1000-2100

-IN PORT-

Mon-Fri: 0800-1430

Weekends-Holidays: Closed

Liberty Ports: Closed

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC MASS

0900

SUNDAY PROTESTANT SERVICES

1000

J-DIAL: 4131

BLUE CAFE HOURS

WARDROOM:

MONDAY-SATURDAY:

Breakfast: 0600-0700

Lunch: 1100-1230

Dinner: 1630-1730

SUNDAY

Brunch: 1000-1230

CHIEF'S MESS:

MONDAY-SATURDAY:

Breakfast: 0600-0700

Lunch: 1100-1230

Dinner: 1630-1730

SUNDAY

Brunch: 1000-1230
0800-0830 1300-1330

MESS DECKS:

MONDAY-SATURDAY:

Breakfast: 0600-0700

Lunch: 1100-1230

Dinner: 1630-1730

"Midrats": 2200-0030

SUNDAY

Brunch: 1000-1230

Early chow for watch standers is served 30 minutes prior to regular meal hours.

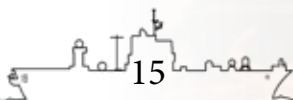
OFFICERS:

Check in with the 7th Fleet Wardroom treasurer to sign up for your meals. Pay your mess bill before your departure using Navy Cash. Officers are charged for all meals underway, regardless of whether or not they eat a meal in the wardroom.

Breakfast: \$3.15

Lunch: \$5.25

Dinner: \$4.50



MEDICAL SERVICES

SICK CALL:

IN PORT

Monday-Thursday:

0845-1045

Friday:

0915-1045

IMR/PHA:

Tuesday-Friday:

1300-1530

J-DIAL: 4721

Acute Care/Out Patient Care Provided:

- SICK CALL (Last patient in at 1030)
- MEDICAL READINESS
- Individual Medical Readiness
 1. Periodic Health Assessments
 2. Labs
 3. Audiograms
 4. Physicals
 5. Special Screening Exams

DENTAL SERVICES

IN PORT

SICK CALL

Monday-Thursday:

0830-0900

NORMAL OPERATION:

Monday:

0900-1130

Tuesday-Thursday:

0900-1130

1300-1600

Friday:

0900-1130

J-DIAL: 4711

Personnel are allowed in at any time for dental emergencies. After hours, call duty medical.

Dental services include fillings, root canals, crowns, implants, deep cleaning, cosmetic surgery (case by case), tooth extractions, night guards, retainers, and tooth whitening strips.

REPRESENTATIVES TO KNOW



SAPR REPRESENTATIVE OSC KIDDY

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program's primary goals are to prevent sexual assault from happening and to support victims when an assault is reported. The SAPR program services are confidential and available 24/7. Victim Advocates are carefully selected, trained and credentialed military and DoD civilian personnel who provide support and assistance to victims of sexual assault. They are directly supervised by the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and are required to maintain confidentiality of victim communication.

DAPA REPRESENTATIVE OSC WORDLAW

The DAPA reports to the Executive Officer, regarding assigned duties and all drug and alcohol abuse prevention, control, and enforcement programs. Personnel associated with drug and alcohol abuse education, rehabilitation, identification, and enforcement shall coordinate with the DAPA. Additionally, the DAPA provides inputs to the Planning Board for Training (PBFT) on drug and alcohol education and to the Recreation Committee for development of positive alternatives to alcohol and drug abuse.



CMEO REPRESENTATIVE HMC CHIONG

The Navy is comprised of men and women who work together to accomplish the mission. Each member of the Navy is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect and to work in an environment free of harassment and prohibited discrimination. An effective MEO is critical to fostering a positive command climate, organizational effectiveness and military readiness. Any Service Member who believes they have been subjected to harassment or prohibited discrimination is encouraged to seek resolution. The Service Member should contact the CMEO program manager to determine available resolution options.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Ship's Emergency Number 3211

Quarterdeck

Forward (OOD)	3201
Aft	3204
Pilot House	3222/3223
Medical	4700
Chaplain	4004
Duty Master-at-Arms	4304
Command DAPA	4005
Legal Office	4161
Command Career Counselor LCPO	4142
Command Career Counselor	4143
Ship's Gym	4336

Damage Control Central	4257/3211
Main Control (EOOW)	3210
Network Help Desk (Computer Trouble Call)	3902
SITE--TV	4611
Telephone/Shoreline Assistance	4611/4616

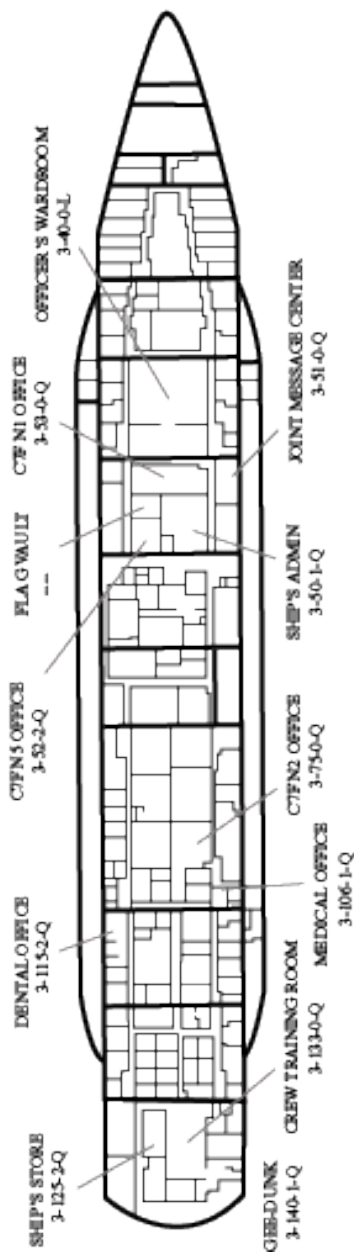
REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS!

If you see any leaks, smoke, or notice a funny smell:
contact Damage Control Central ASAP!

4257 or 3211



THIRD DECK



FOURTH DECK

