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7th Fleet Flagship USS Blue Ridge Arrives in Hong Kong



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HONG KONG (NNS) -- 7th Fleet Flagship, **USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19)** arrived in Hong Kong April 20 for its first visit to the port in more than three years. The crew will have opportunities to experience Hong Kong through community relations projects and guided tours. The 7thFleet band will play in several public concerts.

"Hong Kong is always an incredible port visit and I'm thrilled Seventh Fleet and Blue Ridge Sailors can enjoy this world-class city," Vice Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander U.S. 7th Fleet, said. "Seventh Fleet ships have visited Hong Kong for decades and we look forward to continuing that tradition."



Blue Ridge is the oldest operational ship in the Navy actively working to foster relationships with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific. As 7th Fleet's flagship, Blue Ridge, provides a mobile command and control capability throughout the Indo-Pacific. Blue Ridge is commanded by Capt. Eric Anduze and serves under Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 7/Task Force 76, the Navy's only forward-deployed amphibious force.

For more news from USS Blue Ridge, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/lcc19/>.

Webmaster's Note: *USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19)* is the first of the two *Blue Ridge*-class amphibious command ships of the United States Navy, and is the command ship of the Seventh Fleet. Her primary role is to provide command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence (C4I) support to the commander and staff of the United States Seventh Fleet. She is currently forward-deployed to U.S. Navy Fleet Activities, Yokosuka in Japan, and is the third Navy ship named after the Blue Ridge Mountains, a range of mountains in the Appalachian Mountains of the eastern United States.

Blue Ridge is the oldest deployable warship of the U.S. Navy, following the decommissioning of *USS Denver*. *Blue Ridge*, as the U.S. Navy's active commissioned ship having the longest total period as active, flies the [First Navy Jack](#). *Blue Ridge* is expected to remain in service until 2039.



The "First Navy Jack"; above, *Blue Ridge* flies it in place of the U.S. naval jack



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oldest actively commissioned warship in U.S. service.