



USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19) FPO AP 96628-3300

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Commanding Officer, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) From:

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(1) Portrait of Captain D. K. Meier, USN (U) Encl:

(2) Official biography of Captain D. K. Meier, USN (U)

(3) USS BLUE RIDGE Change of Command Brochure, 21 July 1997 (U)

(4) Copies of Family Ties for Calendar Year 1997 (U)

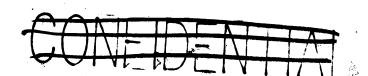
(5) Chronological List of Significant Events, Calendar Year 1997 (C)

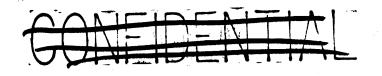
(U) Per reference (a), the command history for calendar year 1997 is submitted as enclosures (1) through (5).

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Chronological List of Significant Events, Calendar Year 1997

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01 - 05	January	-Upkeep and Inport training, Yokosuka, Japan
06 - 13	Tanuaru	-Underway for Training,
06 - 13	January	
0.0	Ta	Enroute to Singapore
09	January	-CIWS PAC Fire
	_	-25MM FAM Fire
10	January	-M-60 FAM Fire
		-Battle Messing
12	January	-Sports Day
13	January	-UNREP with the USNS Yukon
		-NFC Championship game on SITE TV
14 - 18	January	-Moored, Singapore
		World Trade Center
15 - 17	January	-General ship visiting
16	January	-COMREL at local children's
	•	handicapped home
		-Navy Wide Examination for E-7
19 - 20	January	-Underway, enroute Phuket,
		Thailand
20	January	-Martin Luther King Jr Celebration
21 - 24	January	-Anchored Patong Bay,
		Phuket, Thailand
25 - 26	January	-Underway, enroute Port Klang,
		Malaysia, using
		duty section only
25	January	-Swing Ship
27 - 29	January	-Moored, Port Klang, Malaysia.
30 JAN -	- 02 FEB	-Underway, enroute to Bali, Indonesia
30	January	-Davey Jones arrives
31	January	-Crossing the Line Ceremony,
	-	WOG Day,
		-Steel Beach Picnic
03 - 05	February	-Anchored Bali, Indonesia.
06 - 11	February	-Underway, using duty section 1,
		enroute to Hong Kong

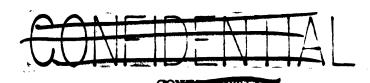
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09	February	-Steel Beach Picnic, Marathon, Basketball Tournament, Skeet Shoot, and Talent Show
10	February	-CIWS PAC Fire -Saluting Battery PAC Fire
12 - 14	February	-Moored, Ocean Terminal, Hong Kong
13	February	-WDC
15 - 17	February	-Underway, enroute to Okinawa, Japan
16	February	-Black History Celebration
18	February	-Port Visit, Okinawa, Japan -Embark III MEF
19 - 22	February	-Underway, enroute to Guam
23 - 24	February	-Moored, Guam
23	February	-DJTFAC embarks
		-Australian military
		personnel embark
24	February	-CIWS Ammunition Onload
		-III MEF/ MGEN Rollings arrives
		-13th Air Force arrives
25 FEB -	03 MAR	-Underway, enroute Townsville, Australia
27	February	-CIWS PAC Fire
		-Davey Jones arrives
28	February	-Crossing the Line Ceremony,
•		WOG Day
04 - 08	March	-Moored, Townsville, Australia
04	March	-Navy Wide Examination for E-4
06	March	-Navy Wide Examination for E-5
06 - 08	March	-General ship visiting
09	March	-Underway, enroute to Shoalwater Bay OPAREA
10 - 22	March	-Exercise Tandem Thrust
11	March	-Navy Wide Examination for E-6
15	March	-Chief of Naval Operations arrives
16	March	-Chief of Naval Operations departs

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18	March	-Tandem Thrust Photo Exercise with USS Independence Battle Group UNREP USNS Tippecanoe
21	March	-Fleetwide Free Throw Competition
22	March	-Cricket Quarters on the Main Deck
22 - 23	March	-Underway, enroute to Brisbane, Australia
23 - 26	March	-Moored, Pinkemba Pier, Brisbane, Australia
27 - 28	March	-Underway, enroute to Newcastle, Australia
28 - 30	March	-Moored, Newcastle, Australia
31	March	-Underway, enroute to Sydney,
		Australia
31	March	-Guest Cruise
31 MAR -	03 APR	-Moored, Sydney, Australia
02 - 03	April	-General ship visiting
04 - 12	April	-Underway, enroute to Guam
12 - 15	April	-Moored, Guam
12	April	-Arrival Conference
13 - 15	April	-CART II
13	April	-CART II In Brief
16 - 18	April	-Underway, enroute to Yokosuka, Japan
17	April	-Steel Beach Picnic:
	•	Marathon, Basketball
		Tournament, Talent Show
19 - 21	April	-Moored, Berth 8 CFAY,
	•	Yokosuka, Japan
00 ADD	12 TINI	-Upkeep
22 APR -	13 JUN	-SRA 30
23	April	-Secretary of the Navy Visit
24	April	-Commander Amphibious Group ONE
- -		Visit
06	May	-Five Year WDC
22	May	-COMPHIBGRU ONE visit
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30	May	-Will Adams Fun Run
04	June	-FAST Cruise
05	June	-CIWS AMMO Onload
06	June	-Command Personnel Inspection
	- Carre	-Command Picnic
09 - 10	June	-Sea Trials
18	June	-SRA-31 WDC
21 - 30	June	-TSTA I
22 - 23	June	-Underway enroute to Kagoshima, Japan
24 - 25	June	-Anchored Kagoshima, Japan
26	June	-Underway enroute to Sagami Wan to
20	o uno	continue with TSTA I
28	June	-Anchorage in Yokosuka Ko due to
		Storm Evasion
		-Collision with Merchant Vessel
		while Anchoring in Yokosuka Harbor
29	June	-Underway from Anchorage to
		Sagami Wan to continue with TSTA I
01	July	-Moored Berth 7, CFAY,
-		Yokosuka, Japan -TSTA I Outbrief
01 - 22	July	-Upkeep Yokosuka
18	July	-DACOWITS visit
19	July	-Friendship Cruise
		-Steel Beach Picnic
21	July	-USS BLUE RIDGE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
22	July	-TSTA II
23	July	-Underway, enroute to Sasebo, Japan
25	July	-Diverted to Yokosuka for
23	3 4- 1	Typhoon Evasion
		-Anchored, Yokosuka Ko
27 JUL -	01 AUG	-Underway, enroute to Okinawa, Jn
29	July	-CIWS PAC Fire
31	July	-ATG Debrief TSTA II
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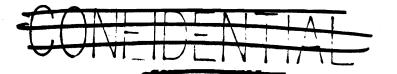




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01	August	-Anchored, White Beach Okinawa, Japan
01 - 03	August	-Underway, enroute to Hong Kong, China
04 - 08	August	-Moored, Ocean Terminal, Hong Kong, China
06	August	-General ship tours
08	August	-Underway to Anchor for Refueling
00	August	-Anchored, Anchorage #2, Hong Kong, China
09 - 10	August	-Underway, enroute to Okinawa, Japan
11	August	-Moored, E. Navy Pier White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
12	August	-Embark 3 MEF for Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens
		-Landing Force, Seventh Fleet Arrives
		-Battle Force Seventh Fleet Arrives
		-Logistics Group Westpac Arrives
		-Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet arrives
		-CTF 74 Arrives
12 14	No constant	-Underway, enroute to Chinhae, ROK
13 - 14	•	-CIWS PAC Fire
14	August	-25MM/50 CAL Shoot
15 17	August	-Moored, Pier #9 Chinhae, ROK
15 - 17	August	-Moored, Pier #9 Chimmae, ROK -Commence TSTA II
18	August	-Commence ISIA II -Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens
•		Commences
		-Underway, enroute to UFL OPAREA
22 24	Angust	-Moored, Pier #8, Pusan, ROK
22 - 24	August	-Underway, enroute to UFL OPAREA
25	August	-Landing Force Seventh Fleet
28	August	departs
		-Battle Force Seventh Fleet Departs
		-Logistics Group Westpac Departs
		-Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet
		departs
		-CTF 74 departs
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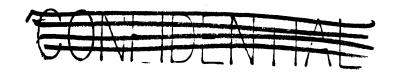
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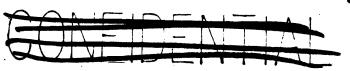


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	- 08	October	-Underway, enroute Yokosuka, Japan
07		October	-UNREP with USNS Niagara Falls
80		October	-Moored, Berth #7 CFAY,
			Yokosuka, Japan
80	- 19	October	-Upkeep Yokosuka
10		October	-Safety Standdown
16		October	-Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet visit
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03	- 05	November	-SESI Inspection
03	- 07	November	-Fall PRT
07		November	-SH2 Michael Wyatt found hanging in
			Dry Cleaning space from an
			apparent suicide
10		November	-IT21 Workgroup Ship Check
12		November	-9MM/ Shotgun Qualifications
14		November	-USS BLUE RIDGE 27th Commissioning
			Anniversary
17		November	-COMNAVSURFPAC VISIT/
			Admiral's Call
			-M14 Qualifications
18		November	-Fleet Master Chief's Call
24		November	-Underway enroute to Sagami Wan,
			Sea Trials
25		November	-Moored, Berth 12, CFAY,
			Yokosuka, Japan
26		November	-ILO
			-SRA Departure Conference
29	- 30	November	-Upkeep, Yokosuka
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01	-04	December	-Underway, enroute Hong Kong, China
			-3M Assist
02		December	-CIWS PAC Fire
03		December	-CIWS PAC Fire
05		December	-Moored, Ocean Terminal,
		_	Hong Kong, China
06		December	-Ship tours

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07	December	-Ship tours
09 - 13	December	-Underway, enroute, Yokosuka, Japan
09	December	-RAS/High Line Transfer with
		USNS Yukon
11	December	-CIWS PAC Fire
12	December	-Stream NIXIE
13	December	-Commanding Officer/
		Chief of Staff's Call
14	December	-Moored, Berth 12 CFAY,
		Yokosuka, Japan
16	December	-Underway; Berth shift to Berth 7
		CFAY, Yokosuka, Japan
17 - 19	December	-ADAMS
18	December	-CTF 76 Visit
19 DEC -	05 JAN	-Holiday Upkeep
19	December	-DSRA Conference
20	December	-Ship's Children's Christmas Party
21	December	-Ship's Christmas Party
22	December	-Kadomatsu Ceremony with
		JDS Murukumo

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