Sailors aboard U.S. 7th Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) look out from the port bridge wing as the ship leaves its forward-deployed port of Yokosuka, Japan Aug. 6. *Blue Ridge* is continuing patrol in the southeast Asian-Pacific region, strengthening partnerships through exercises with partner navies and various community service opportunities with local aid groups.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Ben Larscheid

Children challenge a climbing wall that was one of the many attractions provided during the 36th annual Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Friendship Day celebration. Friendship Day is an event that provides the Japanese community an opportunity to come inside the gates of CFAY and a sample of the American lifestyle.

Photo by Greg Mitchell

Sailors aboard the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) release aqueous film forming form from a firefighting hose during a Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) test of the flight deck's firefighting system Aug 7. INSURV inspects U.S. Navy ships every five years of a ship's life to ensure mission readiness and material conditions are up to standards. *George Washington* recently completed the first-half of its 2012 patrol and is currently out to sea for INSURV.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 William Pittman

(Left) A Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) member inspect a life preserver worn by Seaman Synthia Dorsey, from Chicago, in the hangar bay aboard the Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) Aug 6. INSURV inspects U.S. Navy ships every five years to ensure mission readiness and material conditions are up to standards. *George Washington* recently completed the first-half of its 2012 patrol and is currently out to sea for INSURV.

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Ensign Robert Wynne is given a maintenance scheduling profiencey test by Chief Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) Wilfredo Ignacio during U.S. 7th Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) Consolidated Ship's Maintenance Program assessment July 30.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 James Norman/Released)

Konnichiwa

CS2 Hector Diaz from Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Bachelor Housing, enjoys watching a Yokohama DeNA Bay Stars minor league game at the CFAY Family Day at Yokosuka Oppama stadium.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown?	Bronx, New York.
How long have you been in Japan?	Seven years.
Favorite food?	*Sukiyaki.*
What is your life goal?	To have my own house in Miami.