USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) Commanding Officer Capt. Thom W. Burke discusses different aspects of the bridge with Sailors from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JS *Tachikaze* (DDG 168). Tachikaze is known as Blue Ridge's sister flagship.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Josh Cassatt

(Left) Community Bank Teller Coordinator Irama Rabieau, Banking Center Manager Nick Morrill, Bank Liaison Officer Le Roy Shibuya, Japan Market Manager Bryan Byrd, CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. Daniel Weed and Banking Service Manager Aminta Murcia attend a ribbon-cutting and cake-cutting ceremony for the grand re-opening of Community Bank onboard CFAY Jan. 7

Photo by Kazuyuki Takagi

(Right) Richard E. Byrd Elementary School student Stephen Jones folds a paper crane with a Toho Elementary School student. Byrd School 4th and 5th grade students paid a visit to the Toho Elementary School recently and enjoyed a musical presentation by the Toho students, played a game of basketball together and participated in origami arts and crafts activities.

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CFAY Command Master Chief CMDCM Wayne Smith presents a certificate to ENCM Michael O'Brien and his wife Aniceta as the winners of the Yokosuka Yard of the Year award. The Yard of the Year award, sponsored by MWR Yokosuka, is given to people who make great effort in taking care of their yards.

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Konnichiwa!

CFAY Public Affairs Office staff member SK2 Evonne Hill.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown? Meridian, Mississippi.

How long have you been in Japan? Two years.

What did you do to celebrate the New Year? I spent time with friends and family.

What is your wish for the New Year? I would like to help make the world a better place for everyone.