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Governor to Bring the U.S.S. New Jersey Home

Gov. Christie Whitman will be joined tomorrow by veterans who served on the battleship USS New Jersey when she signs documents to officially bring the vessel home to the Garden State to be used as a floating museum and memorial.

The USS New Jersey was launched in 1942 by the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and commissioned for nearly 50 years, serving during World War II, and the Korea, Vietnam, and Beirut wars.

Currently, the ship is at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington.

The ship is scheduled to leave Washington state in September and be stored in Philadelphia while preparations are made for its final home. The U.S. Navy has not made a decision on where in New Jersey the battleship will be located.