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New Jersey Set to Welcome Battleship Home November 10th

The decorated USS New Jersey is expected to return home on November 10th arriving in the waters of the Delaware River on its way to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard where it will be temporarily docked. The USS New Jersey was originally scheduled to arrive on November 7 but was delayed due to an unexpected mechanical failure and weather conditions.

"The homecoming of the USS New Jersey is an exciting event and I am sure many New Jerseyans will want to catch a glimpse of the magnificent ship as it journeys up the Delaware River," said Gov. Whitman. "Arriving the day before Veteran's Day, the homecoming is a reminder of and a tribute to the sacrifices of all of those who have served our great country. We all are indebted to our veterans for their service."

New Jerseyans wanting to catch a glimpse of the battleship on November 10th should check the official USS New Jersey website, www.battleship-newjersey.com, or check their local papers for details on the best locations from which to see the ship.

Governor Whitman along with veterans, elected officials and their guests, will welcome the battleship aboard the Twin Capes Ferry. Veterans representing various organizations will join the Governor aboard the ferry which will meet up with the battleship as it approaches the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The boat will accompany the battleship on part of its final leg of the historic journey which included passing through the Panama Canal.

Press, interested in covering the event aboard the ferry, must contact Steffanie Bell at (609) 777-2600 by Monday, November 8. Press will be able to board the ferry at the Port of Wilmington in Delaware at 9:00 a.m. with departure scheduled for 9:50 a.m. and can expect to return to the port at approximately 1:00 p.m.