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USSNJ To Arrive on Veteran's Day Battleship Delayed by Weather

The USSNJ, set to arrive home from Washington State this week, has been delayed by bad weather and will now arrive on Thursday, November 11th. The decorated battleship was expected on Wednesday, but is now set to arrive on Veteran's Day in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

"While the delays have been disappointing, I am simply anxious to get the USSNJ home," said Governor Whitman. "The battleship is a testament to the men and women who not only served on the great USSNJ but all of our veterans. Their valor and courage have protected the freedoms we enjoy today and we are all indebted to them."

New Jerseyans wanting to catch a glimpse of the battleship on November 11th should check the official USSNJ website, www.battleship-newjersey.com, or check their local papers for details on the best locations from which to see the ship.

Due to the delay, the Governor will join veterans and elected officials on the Twin Capes Ferry on Thursday with the same itinerary as planned for Wednesday. Only credentialed members of the press who have RSVP'd by Monday afternoon to Steffanie Bell in the Governor's Office will be admitted to the ferry. Members of the press who have already RSVP'd should plan to arrive at the same time on Thursday as they would have on Wednesday.