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Homecoming 250 Parade of Ships

NEW CASTLE, Delaware, September 30, 2025– On Thursday morning, October 9, 2025, the public will have a chance to witness a stunning maritime procession as Navy ships and other vessels make their way on the historic Delaware River toward Philadelphia to celebrate *Homecoming 250* – the 250th anniversaries of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

The ships will be docked in Philadelphia and Camden from October 9 – 16. Celebratory festivities are planned in Philadelphia between October 9 and 16, and the vessels will be available for tours. Full information about the Philadelphia activities including events, schedules, and ticketing information is available at homecoming250.org.

On Thursday, October 9, ships will begin gathering in the river, south of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, as early as 4:00 a.m., with all ships in position by 8:30 a.m. The ships plan to begin moving north, passing the bridge starting at about 9:00 am. It is expected to take about two and a half hours for the ships to pass by any given location. All times are subject to change.

Battery Park in New Castle will be a popular point for people that want to see the ships. Because the ships will be passing New Castle on a weekday morning, traffic in and around the city may be heavier than usual. The City of New Castle has made the following recommendations to reach the historic district:

- From Route 9 South enter the historic district using the Third Street Extension, East Sixth Street, or by turning left on Delaware Street from Ferry Cut-Off. Follow the instructions of local traffic control officers.
- From Rt. 13, Rt 273, and Rt 141/Basin Road take Washington Street to Route 9/River Road. Turn left on Route 9/River Road then turn right on South Street. Follow the instructions of local traffic control officers.

Traffic control officers will be on hand to direct traffic to the best parking locations available at any time. Drivers are advised to always follow the direction of all traffic control officers. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced throughout the morning and afternoon. The West Third Street parking lot will be reserved for accessible parking only.

Delaware Street will be closed from The Strand to the Delaware Street wharf beginning at 6:00 a.m. on October 9th. Incoming traffic on Delaware Street will be diverted onto East Second Street. Traffic exiting The Strand will be unimpeded. Parking at the Delaware Street wharf will be prohibited starting at 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8.

A special webpage with additional information has been established at newcastlehistory.org/homecoming250

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