

In connection with the U.S.S. Michael Murphy Commissioning Ceremony, the following aviation activities and cannon salutes will take place on Friday, October 5th (Practice Day) and Saturday, October 6th (Commissioning Day). Please note that all aviation activities are weather permitting.

- On Friday, October 5th at 9:45am (local time), the United States Navy Parachute Demonstration Team (known as the “Leap Frogs”) will execute a practice parachute jump over the Hudson River (adjacent to Manhattan’s Pier 88). The jump will take place at an altitude of approximately 4,500 ft., as the team (3 jumpers total) will employ the use of a UH-60 helicopter (see attached photo) to execute the jump. The aircraft will originate from and return to Teterboro Airport (NJ).
- On Friday, October 5th at 10:05am (local time), the U.S.S. Michael Murphy (located at Manhattan’s Pier 88) will conduct a cannon salute test, consisting of one (1) 40MM round, in preparation for the commissioning ceremony.
- On Saturday, October 6th at 9:45am (local time), the United States Navy Parachute Demonstration Team (known as the “Leap Frogs”) will execute a ceremonial parachute jump over the Hudson River (adjacent to Manhattan’s Pier 88). The jump will take place at an altitude of approximately 4,500 ft., as the team (3 jumpers total) will employ the use of a UH-60 helicopter (see enclosed photo) to execute the jump. The aircraft will originate from and return to Teterboro Airport (NJ).
- On Saturday, October 6th at 10:05am (local time), the U.S.S. Michael Murphy (located at Manhattan’s Pier 88) will conduct a ceremonial cannon salute, consisting of nineteen (19) 40MM rounds, as part of the commissioning ceremony.
- On Saturday, October 6th at 11:00am (local time), two (2) FA-18 fighter jets (see enclosed photo) will conduct a flyover of the Hudson River and the U.S.S Michael Murphy at Manhattan’s Pier 88. The aircraft will pass over the U.S.S. Michael Murphy at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet. The aircraft will then return to their point of origin (LaGuardia Airport: LGA) via the Hudson River following the activity.



FA-18 Fighter Jet



UH-60 Helicopter