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Fleet Week Returns to New York City for First Time in Two Years

Multiple ships and nearly 3,000 Sailors and Marines set to visit NYC

New York- The U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard will return to New York City for Fleet Week after two years of the event being held virtually. Multiple ships and nearly three thousand Sailors and Marines will visit the five boroughs, marking the beginning of summer and New York City's continued recovery from the pandemic. A press conference was held at City Hall this morning to announce the event's return.

"I am honored to have our military's finest on the steps of City Hall to welcome the return of Fleet Week," said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. "We're letting our service members know that we are open and proud to welcome them back to our city. I salute their bravery and commitment in defending our nation."

Now in its 34th year, Fleet Week is scheduled to take place May 25-31. The weeklong event is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services and will include public ship visitations and a variety of military demonstrations.

"We're thrilled to return to New York and showcase how the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard provide our nation and NATO partners an advantage at sea," said **Rear Admiral Charles "Chip" Rock, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**. "New York is always an incredible host. We can't wait for our brave women and men to get an opportunity to experience all the city offers and for New Yorkers to get a glimpse of what we do every day. This will create memories that last a lifetime."

"New York City is home to 210,000 military veterans including 56,000 active service members who have supported us during some of our most challenging moments -- from 9/11 to Hurricane Sandy to COVID-19. Now it's time for us to provide them with the same commitment and support," said **Frank Carone, Chief of Staff, Office of New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. "As a Marine, I'm proud to welcome our service members stationed around the globe, back to the five boroughs for Fleet Week. They bring another inspiring milestone in our city's recovery from the pandemic."

"Fleet Week is a time-honored tradition in NYC and I am excited to celebrate its return," said **New York City Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Anne Williams-Isom**. "It is also a reminder of the importance of connecting in person with our military members. I want to acknowledge the sacrifices and important work done by past and current service members and proudly welcome Fleet Week back to New York City."

“Fleet Week New York is an iconic partnership that represents the respect and gratitude we have for our military service members and Veterans,” said **Commissioner James Hendon of the New York City Department of Veterans’ Services**. “This tradition creates an invaluable opportunity for New Yorkers to understand and appreciate what it means to serve our country. This year, Fleet Week also symbolizes New York City’s resilience as we emerge from the pandemic. We are so happy to welcome Fleet Week back to NYC.”

“We so look forward to welcoming Fleet Week and members of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps back to New York City once again. As home to the very first Fleet Week event back in 1984, it’s reassuring to see this iconic big event return in person this year, another proof point of our city’s continued recovery. It’s a terrific opportunity to salute our nation’s service personnel and invite locals and visitors alike to enjoy this year’s great line-up of events and programming,” said **President and CEO of NYC & Company Fred Dixon**.

The event has been held nearly every year since 1984, and it is anticipated that nearly 3,000 Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen will participate this year.

For more information about Fleet Week 2022, visit nycgo.com

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About Fleet Week

Fleet Week is a United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard tradition in which active military ships recently deployed in overseas operations dock in a variety of major cities for one week. Once the ships dock, the crews can enter the city and visit its tourist attractions. The public can take a guided tours of the ships and experience military demonstrations.

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