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## MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS RIDE FREE ON NY WATERWAY FERRIES FOR FLEET WEEK 2025

Military Personnel and Veterans Ride Free on NY Waterway Ferries Beginning Wednesday, May 21 through Tuesday, May 27

Weehawken, NJ (May 20, 2025) -- NY Waterway, which operates the largest ferry fleet between New Jersey and New York, today announced that, in honor of Fleet Week 2025, all military personnel and veterans can enjoy free ferry service beginning on Wednesday, May 21 through Tuesday, May 27. Veterans and service members simply need to present a valid Veteran or Military ID to NY Waterway crew members.

The ferry is an economical, reliable and traffic-free way to travel between New York and New Jersey. Riders can soak up the sun on open air top decks and enjoy the breathtaking views. NY Waterway provides riders with free, multi-route shuttles from its West 39<sup>th</sup> Street/Midtown terminal to popular areas convenient to many top Manhattan attractions.

NY Waterway has nine New Jersey terminals with service to Midtown W39th St, Pier 11 / Wall St and to Brookfield Place / Battery Park City. Several New Jersey ferry terminals offer low-cost parking (free in South Amboy). Riders can also reach many NY Waterway terminals by the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line, NJ TRANSIT (rail & bus) and free NY Waterway buses.

Visit nywaterway.com/fleetweek for more information.

Get updates at 1-800-53-FERRY (7am-11am Monday thru Friday), nywaterway.com, facebook.com/nywaterway or twitter.com/ridetheferry.

## **About NY Waterway**

Founded by Arthur Imperatore, Sr. in 1986, NY Waterway operates the nation's largest privately-owned commuter ferry service. Prior to the pandemic shutdown, NY Waterway carried more than 32,000 passengers each weekday on 23 routes across the Hudson River, bringing New Jersey commuters to Manhattan and back. In cooperation with MTA Metro North Railroad, ferries bring commuters from the west side of the Hudson River in Newburgh and Haverstraw to the Hudson Line stations in Beacon and Ossining. On dozens of occasions, NY Waterway ferries have provided emergency service when public transit

systems are disrupted. On 9/11, NY Waterway ferries evacuated more than 150,000 people from Manhattan, part of the largest maritime evacuation in history. In August 2003, when a massive blackout shut down all Hudson River crossings, NY Waterway carried 160,000 people home to New Jersey. Ferry crews have also rescued more than 300 people from New York waters, most notably the 143 people rescued from US Airways Flight 1549, the Miracle on the Hudson in 2009, the most successful marine rescue in aviation history. Get updates at 1-800-53-FERRY (7am - 11am Monday - Friday), nywaterway.com, facebook.com/nywaterway or twitter.com/ridetheferry.

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