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Flag passes through Franklin

Photo by Denise Matthews

FRANKLIN County is one of the 159 stops for the flag that will be presented to the Naval Submarine Base at Kings Bay where the USS Georgia, an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, will be home-ported. The flag is going through every county in Georgia and then will be present at a formal "Return to Service Ceremony" on March 28. Franklin County Chairman Sam Elrod read a proclamation about the flag at a ceremony attended by Carl R. Tilden, ET(CSS) USN; Charles Howard, District Commander of Georgia; Bill Fogery, Navy League representative, Danny Lewis, RDC Executive Director; Bill Stewart, mayor of Royston; Harold Gillespie, planning director; and Laverne Hilley, county clerk.