

Sub's return to service commemorated

The Georgia Flag Project visited Habersham County Jan. 4, part of a commemoration of the return to service of the USS Georgia, a ballistic missile submarine.

A Georgia state flag is passing through all Georgia counties and will be presented by Gov. Sonny Perdue to the commanding officer of the sub at a March 28 Return to Service ceremony.

The submarine, which has a crew of 15 officers, 139 enlisted crew members and up to 66 Special Operations Force personnel, has been out of service while being retrofitted to carry 154 cruise missiles. The sub will be based at the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base.

— Staff reports



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William Schwendler, director of the North Metro Navy Council, left, Carl Tilden, U.S. Navy electronics technician chief, Habersham County Commission Chairman Jim B. Butterworth, Commission Vice Chairman Dr. Rick Austin, commissioner Charlie Miller, commissioner Doug Vermilya, Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center Chairman David Stovall and GMRDC Executive Director Danny Lewis gathered Jan. 4 to welcome a commemorative Georgia flag. The North Habersham Middle School students who raised the flag are Chance Hunter, left, and Brian Farmer.

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