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Special flag ceremony

Members of the Rabun County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 3 hold a Georgia state flag that will be presented to the USS Georgia during a return-to-service ceremony on March 28. Pictured, front row, from left, are: Commissioner M.E. Law, Carl Tilden, public affairs officer for the U.S. Navy recruiting district of Atlanta, Commissioner Pat Marcellino Sr., Commissioner Virgil Kilby, Commissioner Pete Cleaveland and County Administrator Jim Bleckley; back row, W. Danny Lewis, Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center executive director, and William T. Schwendler Jr., director of the Atlanta Council of the Navy League of the United States. The submarine is scheduled to return to service and has been converted from a ballistic missile submarine into a 154-cruise-missile special operations unit. Commissioners signed a resolution proclaiming March 28 as 'USS Georgia Day' in Rabun.