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USS Sargo tours Naval Submarine Base

Groton— The former crew of the USS Sargo (SSN 583) and their families toured the Naval Submarine Base and USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) Sept. 8.

The group included three of the boat's former commanding officers, retired Capt. Bob Douglass, Capt. Michael McBride and Vice Adm. John H. Nicholson, Sargo's second commanding officer who commanded the boat during its visit to the North Pole in 1960.

They presented the Submarine Force Library and Museum with a piece of original teak decking from the ship, preserved by this year's reunion host retired Capt. Rich Talipsky.

"Receiving historical items from reunion groups like the Sargo reunion adds a rich element of history and heritage," said Lt. Cmdr. Robert Sawyer, officer-in-charge of the museum.

Mike Hacking, Sargo reunion coordinator, said, "We are very fortunate to have been shipmates on a submarine that provided many rewards and challenges. During those times on board, we developed lasting relationships. Sargo sailors and friends enjoy an even greater bond that has been made stronger over the last two decades."