

USS SARGO

Reunion 2001



30 September to 3 October, 2001

Ramada Limited

Old Town, San Diego, CA

Welcome to San Diego

Sunday, September 30

Check in at Hospitality Room 140
1200-2200 Hospitality Room open
Sightseeing
Dinner as desired at local restaurants

Monday, October 1

Complimentary breakfast at hotel
0900-1800 Hospitality Room open
Sightseeing
1830 Depart by bus for dinner cruise
1900-2200 Dinner cruise on San Diego Bay
(casual dress) DJ entertainment and
dancing
2230 Return to hotel

Tuesday, October 2

Complimentary breakfast at hotel
0900-1500 Hospitality Room open
Sightseeing
1300 Business meeting in Hospitality Room
1530 Board buses for trip to Submarine Base
1600-1730 Tour SSN 688 Class submarine
1800-2200 Hospitality Room open
Dinner as desired at local restaurants

Wednesday, October 3

Complimentary breakfast at hotel
0900-1700 Hospitality Room open
Sightseeing
1800-2200 Banquet in Mission Room (coat and tie)

Thursday, October 4

Complimentary breakfast at hotel
Departure



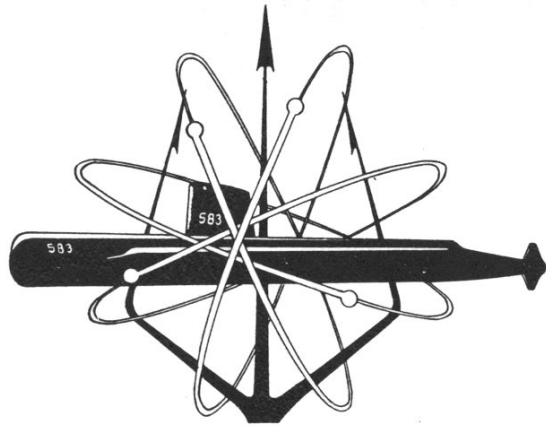
Reunion Banquet

Wednesday, October 3, 2001
1800-2200 in the Mission Room

Master of Ceremonies Larry Curtiss

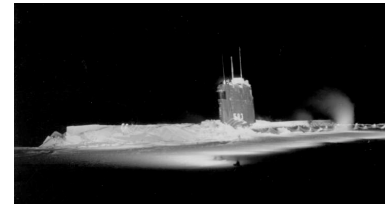
Menu New York steak with mushroom sauce or
 swordfish

Cocktails Cash Bar



USS SARGO (SSN 583)

Builder:	Mare Island Shipyard
Length:	267.7 feet
Beam:	25 feet
Draft:	20.74 feet
Displacement:	2,570 tons (surface) 2,888 tons (submerged)
Armament:	6–21" Torpedo Tubes (fwd) 2–21" Torpedo Tubes (aft)
Propulsion:	Nuclear
Test depth:	700 feet
Complement:	9 officers, 76 enlisted
Homeports:	Mare Island (1958-1959) Pearl Harbor (1959-1988)
Keel laid down by:	21 Feb 1956
Launched:	10 Oct 1957
Sponsored by:	Mrs. Frank T. Watkins
Commissioned:	01 Oct 1958
Decommissioned:	26 Feb 1988
Struck from the Navy List:	17 Jan 1990



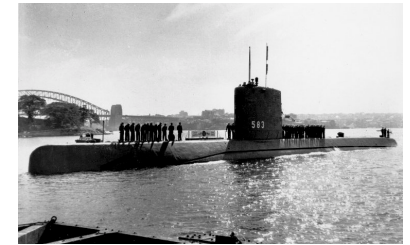
Class submarine.

During SARGO's extensive post-construction shakedown cruise she covered 19,000 miles and made one dive which lasted 44 days (33 of which were completely divorced from the surface), a record for a SKATE

Class submarine. SARGO was the first submarine to transit the shallow, 900 miles of ice-covered water in the Bering and Chukchi Seas and the second to surface at the North Pole, on 9 Feb 1960.

On 14 Jun 1960 tragedy struck during an oxygen charging evolution. A rupture in the charging hose resulted in a violent fire and torpedo explosions in the after torpedo room. James E. Smallwood MM3(SS) lost his life in the fire while taking action to save the ship. He was awarded, posthumously, the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his heroic actions. Other crew members were also recognized for outstanding courage over and above the call of duty.

SARGO successfully completed eighteen deployments to the Western Pacific and numerous deployments to the Eastern Pacific and RIMPAC exercises.



In his message noting SARGO's decommissioning CNO ADM C.A.H. TROST said:

"During her distinguished career, SARGO was the first ship ever awarded four Navy Unit Commendations. She was the first nuclear-powered ship to cross the equator. SARGO conducted pioneering scientific research in the Arctic ... She proudly represented the United States in combined exercises with the Navies of the free world. Her missions added immensely to our knowledge of the oceans and submarine tactics.

"On behalf of the entire U.S. Navy, I congratulate the crew of the USS SARGO as you close the final chapter of this ship's magnificent career. I also salute the sailors who helped shape SARGO's distinguished history. All of you should be proud of your accomplishments, as I am."

Welcome to our Shipmates from



USS SARGO (SS-188)

Builder:	Electric Boat Co., Groton, CT
Length:	310.5 feet
Beam:	27 feet
Displacement:	1,450 tons (surface) 2,350 tons (submerged)
Armament:	1 – 3" 50 cal Gun (fwd) 4 – 21" Torpedo Tubes (fwd) 4 – 21" Torpedo Tubes (aft)
Test depth:	250 feet
Complement:	5 officers, 50 enlisted
Keel laid down:	12 May 1937
Launched:	06 Jun 1938
Sponsored by:	Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz
Commissioned:	07 Feb 1939 LT Elmer E. Yeomans, C.O.
Decommissioned:	22 Jun 1946
Struck from the Navy List:	14 May 1947



Information from: <http://www.subnet.com/fleet/ss188.htm>



USS SARGO (SSN 583) Commanding Officers

CDR	Daniel P. Brooks	01 Oct 1958	–	01 Oct 1959
LCDR	John H. Nicholson	01 Oct 1959	–	27 May 1961
LCDR	Paul J. Early	27 May 1961	–	15 Jan 1963
CDR	Robert M. Douglass	15 Jan 1963	–	26 Jun 1965
CDR	George M. Vahsen	26 Jun 1965	–	16 Sep 1968
CDR	Kenneth L. Highfill	16 Sep 1968	–	17 Jan 1972
CDR	Michael A. McBride	17 Jan 1972	–	25 Jul 1975
CDR	Henry J. Barfield Jr.	25 Jul 1975	–	06 Jan 1979
CAPT	John H. Cox	06 Jan 1979	–	17 Aug 1983
CDR	Robert S. Holbrook	17 Aug 1983	–	13 Jul 1985
CDR	R. Michael Camp	13 Jul 1985	–	26 Feb 1988

Leroy Ingles TMCM(SS)

Master Chief Leroy Ingles, veteran of World War II and commissioning crew Chief of the Boat for SARGO and NAUTILUS, died on 12 Apr 2001 of asbestosis, at the age of 84. While on SARGO he was distinguished as the first torpedoman to make master chief in the Navy. His 30 years of service included a three-year tour in the Army, tours aboard eight submarines, a sub tender and the aircraft carrier SARATOGA. He deployed on thirteen war patrols and was COB for seven. He retired in July 1965, while stationed at Bangor, WA. He will be missed.

Sailor Rest Your Oar



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