

USS SARGO

Reunion 2003



September 10th to 13th, 2003



Welcome to Branson, MO

Wednesday, September 10

Check in at Hospitality Room

1200-2200 Hospitality Room Open
Dinner and Evening on your own

Thursday, September 11

0900 Shuttle Bus running
0900-2200 Hospitality Room Open
Sightseeing
1100-1400 Luncheon Cruise and Show on
Branson Belle
1600 Business Meeting following Cruise
Dinner and Evening on your own

Friday, September 12

0900 Shuttle Bus running
0900-2200 Hospitality Room Open
Sightseeing
Silver Dollar City Tour
Dinner and Evening on your own

Saturday, September 13

0900-1700 Hospitality Room Open
Sightseeing
1800-2200 Banquet at Gwin's Home Cannery, at
the Ramada Inn (coat and tie)

Sunday, September 14

Departure



SARGO Reunion Banquet

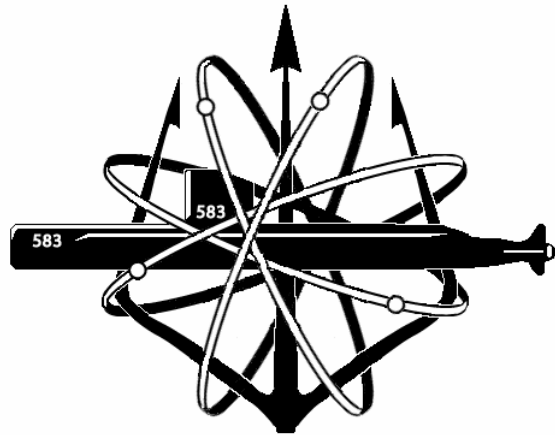
Saturday, September 13, 2003

1800-2200 at Gwin's Home Cannery

Master of Ceremonies: Frank Munroe, ably assisted by
"willing" volunteers

Menu: Salad bar, roast beef and chicken served at the
table, potato, vegetable and dessert table.

Cocktails: At the Hospitality Room prior to the Banquet.
Wine will be provided at the table.



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:	21 Feb 1956
Launched:	10 Oct 1957
Sponsored:	Mrs. Frank T. Watkins
Commissioned:	01 Oct 1958
Decommissioned:	26 Feb 1988
Struck from the Navy List:	17 Jan 1990



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

Frank Munroe has served as Secretary / Treasurer of the SARGO Association since 1991 and finally wants to be relieved of these heavy duties. He has been a major contributor to the success of all of the SARGO reunions. His services will be sorely missed as will as his memorable closing line on his letters to his SARGO shipmates:

"Respectfully submitted by your h'm'bl ob'n't secretary."

BRAVO ZULU and many thanks, Frank!

Memorable Milestones

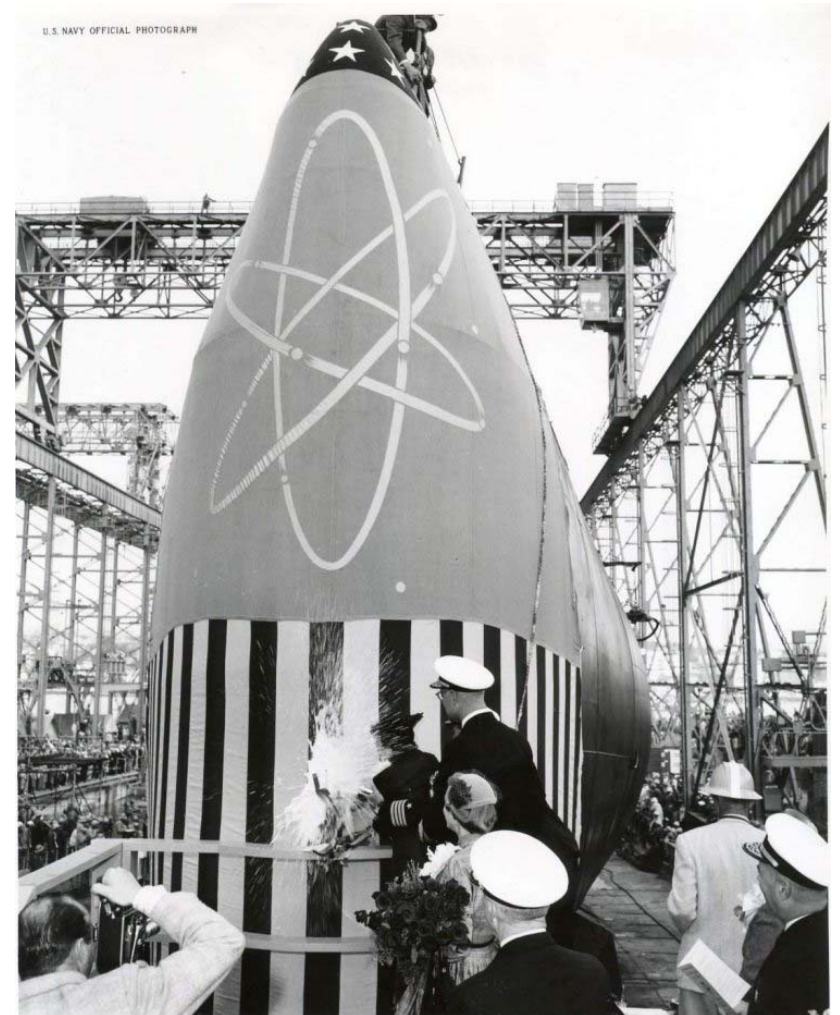


First Hull Section being moved to Building Ways



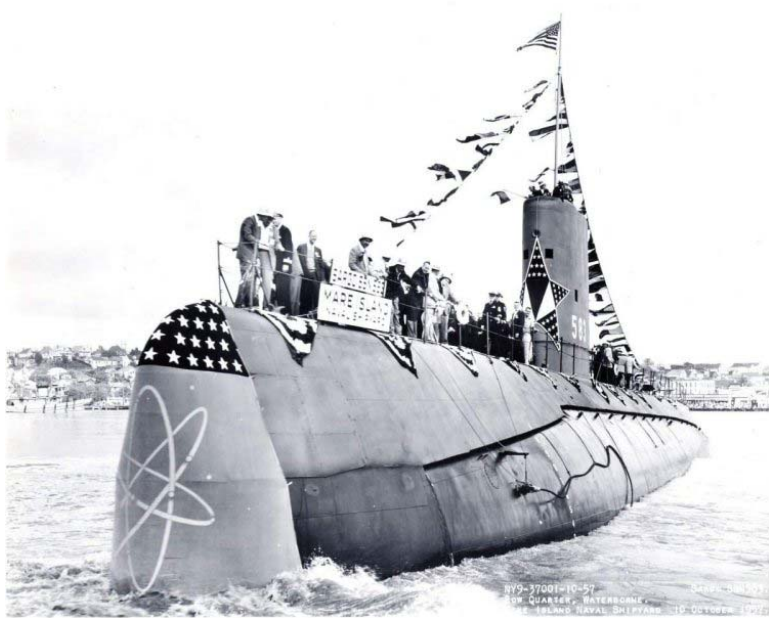
Keel Laying Ceremony

Memorable Milestones



Christening Ceremony

Memorable Milestones



Ship's Launching



Commissioning Ceremony

Memorable Milestones



Sargo at the North Pole



Decommissioning Ceremony



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



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:



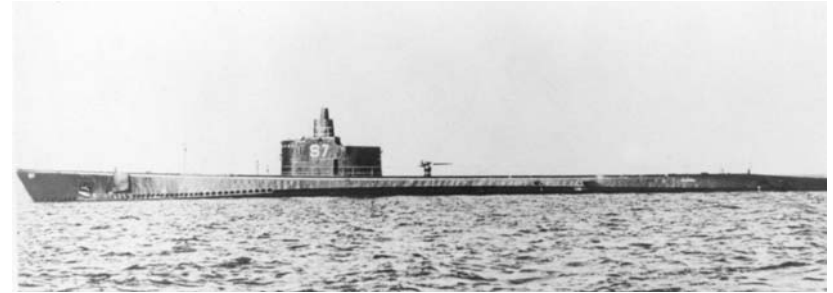
"During her distinguished career, SARGO was the first ship ever awarded four Navy Unit Commendations. She was the first nuclear-powered ship to cross the equator. SARGO conducted pioneering scientific research in the Arctic ... She proudly represented the United

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



**Celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the
USS SARGO's Commissioning**



**Presented by the
USS Sargo (SSN 583) Association**



**Bravo Zulu and Thanks to
Frank Munroe and Don Cole!**

Checkout the website at: www.ssn583.com