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(2) Chronology
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS BOONE (FFG-28) is a member of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of Guided Missile Frigates. Her mission is to provide local area protection to battle groups, underway replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and merchantile shipping and to conduct ASW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces to ensure use of essential sea lanes of communications.

Along with her sister ships of the class, Boone represents a break with tradition in many ways: a gas turbine powered propulsion plant with variable pitch propeller; austere manning accompanied by a high degree of computerized automation; a fully integrated combat system; two SH-60B helicopter hangars; auxiliary propulsion units (placed to maximize maneuverability); and a ship control console that provides steering and speed control directly from the bridge via a single Helmsman/Lee Helmsman.

The assets that BOONE has to call upon to accomplish her mission include a missile launcher capable of firing both anti-aircraft and anti-ship missiles; the rapid-fire, dual purpose 76mm gun; a Close-in Weapons System, 20mm, 6 barrel "gatling" gun (capable of firing 3000 rounds per minute at an incoming air target; anti-submarine torpedo tubes; and two SH-60B Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III helicopters.

USS BOONE (FFG-28) is a member of Destroyer Squadron EIGHT based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is W. D. Morris, CDR, USN of Jacksonville, FL.

**USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1991
CHRONOLOGY**

21-25 JAN	Aviation Assist Visit and Aviation Readiness Examination
01-04 FEB	Type Training
06-08 FEB	Engineering Readiness Assessment
04-05 MAR	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
18 APR - 02 MAY	Intermediate Maintenance Availability
14-23 MAY	Tail Proficiency Training
03 JUN - 01 JUL	Type Commander Core Training
22-23 AUG	Combat System Assessment
26 AUG - 11 OCT	Tail Proficiency Training, Carrier Enhanced Training, NORTHSTAR 91, and Fleet Exercise 1-92 (PVST Oslo, Norway and Bremerhaven, Germany).
21-25 OCT	Inspection by Board of Inspection and Survey
21-30 NOV	Drydock Atlantic Drydock, Jacksonville, FL
02 DEC	Departed Med 1-92 Deployment

1991 started off with a highly successful Aviation Assist Visit and Aviation Readiness Examination from 21-25 January that resulted in a full certification. Boone closed out the month assisting in helicopter deck landing qualifications in the Jacksonville Operational Area.

On February 01 Boone participated in Type Training until the 4th of February followed by a successful Engineering Readiness Assessment from the 6th to the 8th. Boone successfully completed an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination on the 4th and 5th of March. An Intermediate Maintenance Availability was conducted from 18 April to 02 May. Boone participated in Tail Proficiency Training 5-91 from 14 to 23 May, and, after a week in port, the ship departed for one month of Counter Narcotics Operations in the Carribean. Before Counter Narcotics Operations began, the ship made a port call in St. Croix.

Boone participated in Type Commander Core Training from 9 to 24 July. Then, after a successful Combat Systems Assessment on the 22nd and 23rd of August, Boone participated in Tail Proficiency Training, Carrier Enhance Training 6-91, North Star 91 and Fleet Exercise 1-92 all between 26 August and 11 October.

Boone successfully completed an inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey from 21 through 25 October. A final IMAV followed by a POM period preceeded Boone's 02 December Mediterranean deployment. Boone crossed the Atlantic and Mediterranean before heading through the Suez Canal and into the northern Red Sea where she closed out 1991 in support of U.N. sanctions against Iraq.