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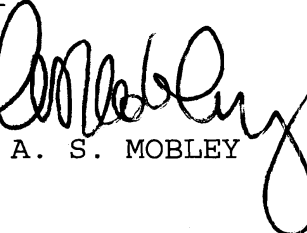
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Encl: (1) BOONE Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is the command history as mandated by reference (a). Included are descriptions of the command composition and organization, the 1997 command chronology with narrative, and a biography of the Commanding Officer.


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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, replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping and to conduct USW 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 propellers, 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 "gattling" gun, capable of firing 3000 rounds per minute at an incoming air target; anti-submarine torpedo tubes; and two SH-60 Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III helicopters.

USS BOONE is a member of Commander Western Hemisphere Group based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is A. Scott Mobley, CDR, USN.

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USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1997
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 05 JAN	CHRISTMAS STAND DOWN
06 JAN - 21 JAN	TSTA II CSTG INPORT
24 JAN - 27 JAN	TSTA II U/W JAXOA
01 FEB - 28 FEB	INPORT TRAINING/DRILLS
10 FEB - 02 MAR	IMAV SIMA MAYPORT
03 MAR - 04 MAR	WOWU HSL DET 1
05 MAR - 06 MAR	FEP
07 MAR - 08 MAR	PORT VISIT IN PORT EVERGLADES FL
09 MAR	U/W ENR MAYPORT
10 MAR	ARR MAYPORT
24 MAR - 26 MAR	CSRR PHASE I
01 APR - 05 APR	CSRR PHASE II
03 APR	CHOP TO COMSECONDFLT
07 APR - 10 APR	AMMO OFFLOAD NAVWEPNSTA CHARLESTON
21 APR - 25 APR	LMA ASSIST VISIT
21 APR - 16 MAY	IMAV SIMA MAYPORT
16 MAY	CHANGE OF COMMAND
19 MAY - 13 JUN	COMPTUEX PHASE I
24 MAY - 27 MAY	ST MARTEEN PORT VISIT
28 MAY - 15 JUN	U/W COMPTUEX PHASE I/ENROUTE MAYPORT
16 JUN - 19 JUN	INPORT MAYPORT
20 JUN - 26 JUN	COMPTUEX PHASE II
27 JUN - 05 JUL	INPORT MAYPORT
05 JUL	U/W FOR VANDLEX
07 JUL	RTN TO MAYPORT
14 JUL - 25 JUL	CSRR PHASE II
28 JUL - 01 AUG	LMA
18 AUG - 03 SEP	JTFEX
03 SEP - 03 OCT	POM STAND DOWN PERIOD
03 OCT	DEPLOY MED /JTG 98-1
06 OCT	RAS W/ SEATTLE
09 OCT	SAFETY STAND DOWN
10 OCT	GW BATTLE GROUP PHOTOEX
10 OCT	RAS W/SEATTLE - NIGHT
14 OCT	RAS W/SEATTLE
14 OCT	ADM MULLEN VISIT
15 OCT	Entered the Straights of Gibraltar
16 OCT	JFK/GWBG RDVU AND TOVR
17 OCT	RAS W/KANAWHA

18 OCT JOIN SNFM
 19 OCT RAS W/ MARQUES DE LA ENSENADA
 21 OCT RAS W/LARAMIE
 21 OCT ANCHOR ARBATAZ SARDINIA
 22 OCT U/W FROM ANCHORAGE
 23 OCT TOWED BY NIEDERSACHEN (GR)
 25 OCT - 04 NOV ARR AUGUSTA BAY
 05 NOV DEPART AUGUSTA BAY
 08 NOV MEDVAC QMSN RAYN VIA NAVARA'S HELO
 09 NOV RAS W/KANAWHA
 10 NOV XSIT STS OF MESSINA
 11 NOV RAS AND VERTREP W/KANAWA
 12 NOV PVST CAGLIARI
 17 NOV U/W SURFEX 314 VERSUS SPS DEVA, ANAGA
 ASSUME FTC, SW, SE
 20 NOV TOWEX W/BARBAROS
 20 NOV ANCHOR TALEUDA NSFS RANGE
 22 NOV U/W FROM ANCHORAGE
 24 NOV - 28 NOV INPORT BARCELONEA
 29 NOV U/W ENR NAPLES IT
 01 DEC XSIT STS OF BONIFICO
 02 DEC ARR NAPLES
 04 DEC U/W FOR NACSEA DAY REHERSAL DAY ONLY
 06 DEC U/W NACSEA DAY, UCO ENR ISE TO ADRIATIC
 (SFOR)
 07 DEC XSIT MESSINA
 07 DEC RAS F/S W/ LARIMIE
 08 DEC BSP BRINDISI IT, PICKUP 5 PAX FOR PHOENIX
 97, SUB RESCUE EXERCISE.
 09 DEC TOVR FGS NEIDERSACHEN SFOR DUTIES
 CONDUCT PHOENIX 97
 10 DEC ARR ANNOCONA
 11 DEC U/W FROM ANNOCONA
 12 DEC - 16 DEC PVST SPLIT CROATIA, COMREL ORPHANAGE
 17 DEC U/W SFOR
 18 DEC RAS LARAMIE
 22 DEC CAP CEREMONY FOR OS2/1 CARTER, EN3/2
 DISHMOND
 23 DEC ARR TRIESTE
 23-31 DEC CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN IN TRIESTE

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1997
NARRATIVE

BOONE began 1997 in Christmas standdown inport Mayport, FL. BOONE was also in the middle of it's workup cycle preparing for deploying with Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL).

In January, BOONE went through TSTA II for Combat Systems and Engineering. BOONE's crew proficiency was outstanding resulting in the ship validating TSTA III. BOONE spent February inport Mayport conducting drills in order to fine tune its warfighting capabilities. In March BOONE conducted a successful Final Evaluation Period (FEP), then a port visit in Key West.

Change of Command was held on 16 May 1997. CDR A. S. Mobley relieved CDR R. Douglas Hughes as Commanding Officer in a ceremony held in Mayport. Commander Western Hemishpere Group, ADM Ferguson was the guest speaker.

On May 19, 1997 USS BOONE Departed for COMPTUEX Phase I along with the George Washington Battle Group, which was led by RADM Mike Mullen. During a break in COMPTUEX, USS BOONE enjoyed liberty along with several other BATTLE GROUP ships in St. Marteen, NA.

In July, BOONE participated in VANDALEX 97. The successful engagement of this low altitude supersonic target demonstrated the highest degree of training and equipment maintenance.

BOONE was scheduled to conduct Space Shuttle Operations at the beginning of August, but the launch was canceled. Also in August, BOONE held two Pre-Overseas Movement briefs for crewmembers and their spouses in order to inform them of issues that they need to attend to prior to the Med Deployment. The brief also covered what the spouse and crewmember could expect during the deployment. During our Joint Task Fleet Exercise at the end of August, BOONE was assigned numerous tasks including High Value Unit escort, Surface Action Group (SAG) operations, and Maritime Interdiction (MIO) operations.

In preparation for the deployment, BOONE spent all of September in POM Standdown, allowing crewmembers to take care of personal business as well as conducting final material preparations onboard the ship.

BOONE deployed for the Mediterranean on October 3rd with the GW Battle Group. BOONE entered the straits of Gibraltar on the 15th and conducted a turn over with the JFK Battle Group on the morning of the 16th. BOONE joined the Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM) on the 17th and began an event filled and rewarding SNFM tour with other NATO ships.

While operating with SNFM, BOONE conducted port visits to Augusta Bay IT, Cagliari IT, Barcelona SP, Naples IT, Ancona IT, Split Croatia, and Trieste IT. In Cagliari, the ship hosted the SNFM Force reception on board for numerous local distinguished visitors and military officials. Guest included COMAR Cagliari, civilian political authorities including Gian Mario Selis (President of Regional Legislature), and the Commanding Officers of all the SNFM ships.

While in Barcelona, BOONE conducted a Community Relations Project. 13 volunteers from the crew visited "Llar La Gavina", a home for physically and mentally handicapped adults. Crewmembers painted several rooms with paint from "Project Handclasp" as well as performing yard and garden work. Additionally the Commanding Officer attended a dinner with Commander Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean, SPS Navarra Commanding Officer, Captain Ugarte (Commander Catalonian Naval District), ADM Romero (retired former CNO, Spanish Navy), and the Commanding General of the Catalonian Military District.

During the transit from Cagliari to Barcelona and from Barcelona to Naples, SNFM ships conducted numerous rehearsals for NAC Sea Day. A practice NAC Sea Day was conducted on 05 December and the actual event was held on 07 December. The event was attended by Commander Sixthfleet and other distinguished guests.

BOONE relieved FGS Niedersachsen for SFOR duties on 09 December. BOONE mission was to patrol the Adriatic Sea above the

42 latitude staying underway 40% of the time. BOONE remained on station until relieved by USS UNDERWOOD. On the same day as assuming SFOR duties, BOONE conducted a Search and Rescue exercise called Phoenix 97.

BOONE's visit to Split Croatia was a historical port visit. BOONE was the first ship to visit the 1700 year old city since the creation of an independent Croatian Republic. BOONE hosted two receptions for local Croatian Military Forces as well as persons from the American Embassy and Defense Attache's Office. Chief Petty Officers from BOONE also met with their counterparts from the Croatian Navy. BOONE's basketball team played against the Croatian International basketball team. BOONE's port visit to Croatia appeared as an article in the European Stars and Stripes.

BOONE concluded 1998 in Trieste IT during the Christmas Standdown period.