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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 1999 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 Naval Reserve Frigate, assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fourteen based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is David W. Costa, CDR, USNR.

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1999  
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 04 JAN	HOLIDAY STAND DOWN
04 JAN - 07 JAN	AVCERT TECH ASSIST
04 JAN - 08 JAN	LMA ASSIST
07 JAN	AMMO ONLOAD
11 JAN - 22 JAN	IMAV/CSRR PHASE I/SEMAT II
15 JAN	CHANGE OF COMMAND
18 JAN - 22 JAN	ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY
25 JAN - 29 JAN	CART II (ETG)
02 FEB - 05 FEB	AVCERT
08 FEB - 12 FEB	U/W TSTA I (ETG)/PCO RIDE
16 FEB - 19 FEB	U/W TSTA II (ETG)
22 FEB - 25 FEB	U/W TSTA II (ETG)/ECERT
01 MAR - 05 MAR	U/W WOWU W/HSL-48 TSTA III (ETG, CSTG, FTG)
09 MAR - 11 MAR	U/W FEP
15 MAR - 26 MAR	IMAV
15 MAR - 19 MAR	CSRR PHASE II
22 MAR - 22 APR	POM
23 MAR - 24 MAR	MEDICAL READINESS EVAL
29 MAR - 02 APR	LMA
29 MAR - 16 APR	SWG USW TRNG
30 MAR	AMMO ONLOAD
24 APR	DEPLOY/INCHOP CTU 29.8.1
24 APR - 28 APR	CD TRNG ENROUTE PROA
25 APR - 06 MAY	INDEX
28 APR	RAS W/USNS BIGHORN
29 APR	BSF/WEAPONS ONLOAD NS ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR
03 MAY - 05 MAY	SUB PCO OPS
06 MAY	MISSILE EX INCHOP CTF 40
07 MAY - 10 MAY	PVST FREDRIKSTED, ST CROIX
10 MAY	INCHOP CTG 4.1/COMMENCE CD OPS
23 MAY - 24 MAY	BSF/RON GTMO
27 MAY	PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT SOUTH
28 MAY - 29 MAY	BSF/RON RODMAN, PM
05 JUN - 08 JUN	PVST RODMAN, PM
14 JUN - 19 JUN	PVST RODMAN, PM
28 JUN	BSF RODMAN, PM
02 JUL - 05 JUL	PVST RODMAN, PM
12 JUL	BSF RODMAN, PM
19 JUL - 21 JUL	PVST RODMAN, PM
21 JUL - 28 JUL	OP CONJUNTOS
29 JUL - 30 JUL	BSF/RON RODMAN, PM
30 JUL	PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT NORTH
01 AUG	ISIC SHIFT TO COMDESRON 14
05 AUG - 09 AUG	PVST CURACAO, N.A.
12 AUG - 15 AUG	PVST ORANJESTED, ARUBA

26 AUG - 28 AUG	PVST OCHO RIOS, JM
29 AUG	INCHOP CTG 40.0
29 AUG - 30 AUG	BSF/RON GTMO
	TURNOVER W/ USS R. G. BRADLEY
01 SEP - 02 SEP	PVST PORT EVERGLADES, FL
02 SEP - 03 SEP	TIGER CRUISE ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
04 SEP	RPT MAYPORT, FL
13 SEP - 17 SEP	EMERGENCY SORTIE FOR HURRICANE FLOYD
20 SEP - 27 SEP	IMAV
15 OCT - 18 OCT	ENROUTE YORKTOWN, VA
19 OCT	AMMO OFFLOAD
20 OCT - 22 OCT	ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
29 OCT - 31 DEC	IMAV
06 DEC - 10 DEC	AVCERT TECH ASSIST
13 DEC - 17 DEC	PLOT II
18 DEC - 31 DEC	HOLIDAY STAND DOWN

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1999  
NARRATIVE

BOONE began 1999 in Christmas stand down in port, Mayport, FL preparing for a Counter Drug Operations Deployment in April. In January, BOONE went through an Aviation Certification (AVCERT) TECH assist visit and a Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) assist visit followed by a two week IMAV which included a highly successful CSRR Phase I, SEMAT II, and an environmental Health Survey. BOONE finished January 1999 with CART II (ETG). February started with a week long AVCERT, but was marked mainly by TSTA II (ETG) during which BOONE passed her E-Qual with flying colors.

The first week of March was spent conducting Week One Work Ups with HSL-48 Det 9 and completing TSTA III in preparation for BOONE's Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). FEP was completed mid-month. BOONE then completed a two week IMAV which included CSRR Phase II prior to beginning Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM). BOONE rounded out March with a LMA. BOONE completed the assessment with a final score of 94.8% resulting in BOONE being awarded the Blue "E" for Logistics Excellence.

BOONE departed for deployment mid April. The first several weeks were consumed by an Independent Deployer Exercise (INDEX). BOONE proudly demonstrated her ability to execute Anti-Air, Anti-Surface, and Undersea Warfare doctrine and fire all of her weapons including recoverable exercise torpedoes, MK 75 Gun, CIWS, and standard missiles. BOONE was awarded the "Top Gun Award" for her abilities. Upon the completion of INDEX, BOONE sailors were granted some eagerly anticipated liberty in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, prior to commencement of the Counter Drug Operations portion of deployment.

BOONE found early success in her search for illegal drug runners. BOONE's Law Enforcement Team successfully boarded and searched coastal freighter "Caribe Star", leading to the eventual seizure of 120 lbs of cocaine which was destined for the gulf port of Corpus Christi, Texas. After turning the "Caribe Star" over to the U.S. Coast Guard, BOONE made a south bound transit of the Panama Canal on 27 May enroute to the Eastern Pacific.

Commencing a two month period of Counter Drug Operations in the Eastern Pacific, BOONE made several port visits to Former Naval Station Rodman, Panama. BOONE managed to keep moral high by inventing several competitive events such as the highly touted BOONE Extreme Games Half-Way Party and a fishing tournament. Celebrating the fourth of July while in port, Rodman, BOONE held a picnic in which nearly every BOONE crew member participated in

some sort of competition which ranged from a very competitive basketball tournament to a somewhat less competitive hot-dog eating contest. Never losing sight of her mission during her time in the EASTPAC region, BOONE spear-headed OPERATION CONJUNTOS, a bi-lateral, counter drug operation between the United States and Panama. During the operation BOONE hosted two members of the Panamanian Navy in an informational exchange program.

BOONE was tasked to conduct Counter Drug Operations in the southern latitudes off the coast of Ecuador which afforded her the opportunity to rid herself of all her slimy ploywogs in a "Crossing the Line" ceremony. This event was the highlight of the deployment for a majority of the crew.

After conducting a north bound transit of the Panama Canal on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, BOONE spent August finishing up her deployment in the Caribbean. Making several port visits along the way including Curacao, Aruba, Ocho Rios, and, finally, Guantanamo Bay. BOONE conducted a CD-OPS turn over with the USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August while in port Guantanamo Bay. Making a quick stop overnight on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September to pick up dependents for a tiger cruise, BOONE finally returned to home port on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September to begin a month-long stand down.

Many sailors had their leave cut short when the BOONE was called upon to conduct an emergency sortie from Mayport in order to avoid Hurricane Floyd, the largest hurricane this century. Underway 13 September with only 64% of her crew, BOONE calmly rode out the rough weather and returned safely to Mayport on 17 September to complete the remainder of her stand down.

BOONE was underway again in October, enroute to Yorktown, VA to conduct a complete weapons off-load in support of a 2.5 month IMAV which commenced upon BOONE's return to Mayport on 22 October.

BOONE ended 1999 in an IMAV and Christmas stand down in home port, Mayport.