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COMMAND HISTORY 1982USS BOONE (FFG-28)

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| May 6 | Delivery |
| May 15 | Commissioning |
| May 15 - June 18 | Inport - Seattle, Washington |
| May 24 - 28 | Harpoon Certification |
| June 8 - 9 | Lightoff Examination |
| June 17 - 18 | Crew Certification |
| June 19 | Ammunition Onload -Indian Head, Washington |
| June 22 - 25 | Port Visit - San Francisco, California |
| June 26 - 5 July | Port Visit - San Diego, California |
| July 15 | Transited Panama Canal |
| July 22 - August 17 | Inport - Mayport, Florida |
| August 9 - 13 | Shipboard Electromagnetic Compatability Improvement Program |
| August 11 - 12 | Training Readiness Evaluation |
| August 23 - September 10 | Refresher Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba |
| September 13 - 16 | Weapons Systems Alignment Test |
| September 18 - 19 | Autec - Bahamas |
| September 21 - October 11 | Inport - Mayport, Florida |
| October 12 - November 5 | Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials |
| November 9 - 12 | Inport - Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico |
| November 13 | Missile Shoot - Caribbean Range |
| November 15 - 19 | Port Visit - Key West, Florida |
| November 22 - December 31 | Inport - Mayport, Florida |
| November 29 - December 1 | Final Contract Trails |
| December 15 | Start of First Christmas Leave Period and Upkeep Period |

Enclosure (1)

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NARRATIVE HISTORY - 1982

USS BOONE, named after the late Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone, Medical Corps, United States Navy, was commissioned on 15 May 1982 at Todd Pacific Shipyards, Seattle, Washington. The Commanding Officer is Commander Claude A. La VARRE of Nashville, Tennessee. The principal speaker at the ceremony was Rear Admiral Frederick C. Johnson, USN, COMTRAPAC.

BOONE is an Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate. She is designed to improve the capability of surface combatants to defend carrier forces and convoys and conduct anti-submarine, anti-air and anti-surface warfare operations. USS BOONE is 445 feet long, 45 feet wide at the beam and displaces over 3700 tons.

The first weeks of BOONE's commission were busy: during the week of 24 May, the ship successfully completed Harpoon Certification; during the week of 10 June, she completed the Lightoff Examination and on 18 June completed Crew Certification.

BOONE commenced the transit to Mayport, Florida, her homeport, on 19 June. The first stop was at Indian Head, Washington, to load ammunition. The ship then made a port visit in San Francisco, California. BOONE spent a week in San Diego, California, where she was open to the public for visiting over the Fourth of July weekend.

After leaving San Diego, BOONE began her first fleet-style operations: an underway replenishment, special operations along Central America and training exercises with USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG-7), including BOONE's first LAMPS helicopter landing. The ship transited the Panama Canal on 15 July, during which an all day cookout was enjoyed by all hands and sixty embarked guests.

The months of July and August were spent in Mayport, Florida, preparing for the Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE), a prerequisite for the ship's next major milestone - Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. TRE was conducted 11-12 August and upon completion, Commanding Officer, Fleet Training Center, Mayport, described the results as the finest he had seen to date.

BOONE departed Mayport for Cuba on 20 August and arrived in Guantanamo Bay 23 August, where she participated in various training events including astern refueling, helo crash drills, personnel highline transfer with USS GLOVER, a gunnery exercise with USS GLOVER and USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY, and various damage control exercises. The ship completed training one week ahead of schedule, having successfully completed the Operational Plant Examination Certification and recording an objective grade of "Excellent" on the Operational Readiness Evaluation.

BOONE left Cuba for Port Everglades, Florida. There, on 13 September, she conducted a Weapons Systems Alignment Test (WSAT) where all weapons and sensors were checked for proper alignment and calibration.

Upon completing WSAT, the ship went to Andros Island for basic ASW exercises, including exercise torpedo firings.

During the months of September and October, the ship was in Mayport, Florida preparing for Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials (CSSQT) which started 12 October. The CSSQT schedule consisted of Monday and Friday inport tests and Tuesday through Thursday at-sea exercises. The at-sea exercises consisted of AAW and surface tracking drills. Many hours of aircraft tracking were performed in preparation for missile firing exercises at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. BOONE departed Mayport on 7 November for the missile exercises. The first three surface to air shots were hits against a MQM-74C drone.

On 22 November, BOONE returned to Mayport and commenced Final Contract Trials. The trials were conducted by the Board of Inspection and Survey and marked the end of the shakedown phase.