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**USS BOONE (FFG-28)**

**NARRATIVE HISTORY-1983**

1983 started with USS BOONE at her homeport of Mayport, Florida, finishing a holiday leave and upkeep period. During the month of January, BOONE prepared to leave for Bath, Maine for the start of the Post Shakedown Availability.

The ship commenced the transit for Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, on 24 January. The first stop was for deperming at Craney Island, Virginia. Leaving Craney Island on 27 January, BOONE conducted antenna radiation measuring then visited Norfolk, Virginia for a brief visit. The next and final stop prior to reaching Maine was at Yorktown, Virginia for an ammunition offload.

BOONE arrived at the Bath Iron Works and began PSA on 4 February. During this hectic period, ORBALTS and field changes were accomplished, modifications to the engineering plant were made, and the ship's berthing compartments were modified to accommodate 30 additional bunks. This period was also used for refresher training for the crew.

BOONE completed PSA on schedule, ready in all respects for further training. The ship left Bath Iron Works on 11 May for a port visit to Newport, Rhode Island. While in Newport, tours were given to the general public and students in all levels of training at SVOS. The next stop was New York on 17 May. The ship conducted tours for the Students of the State

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University of New York Maritime College and the general public. After leaving New York, the ship loaded ammunition at Yorktown, Virginia and proceeded on to her homeport of Mayport, Florida, arriving 24 May.

The month of June was spent in Mayport, preparing for the Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE), a prerequisite for the ship's next major milestone - Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. BOONE departed Mayport for Cuba on 24 June and arrived in Guantanamo Bay 27 June, where she immediately commenced refresher training. Various training events were conducted, including underway replenishment with the USS PLATTE, helo crash drills, shiphandling exercises and various damage control exercises. Emphasis was placed on training in all combat mission areas, including ASW, AAW, and ASUW.

Upon completion of Refresher Training, a week early, BOONE set sail for Key West, Florida, for a most welcome Port Visit, arriving 24 July. BOONE departed Key West on 26 July en route to Andros Island for Advanced ASW Training.

On 1 August, BOONE arrived in Nassau, Bahamas for a three day port visit, and an official party at the Navy Liaison officer's house. BOONE returned to Mayport, Florida on 9 August, where she prepared for her first Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV). On 10 November, BOONE got underway for a dependents cruise with 160 dependents onboard. A complete tour of the ship was given. A full power demonstration was followed by a cookout on the fantail. On 11 November BOONE departed Mayport to participate in AHUAS TARA II and COMPTUEX 1-84 off of the Honduran coast with USS NASSAU, USS LUCE, USS

PETERSON, and USS LANORE COUNTY. The operation included an exercise invasion of the Honduran coastal town of Costa Verde, surface and air tracking exercises and a boarding exercise conducted with the USS LUCE. BOONE then had another port visit to Key West, Florida. It was then on to Andros Island, Bahamas on 5 December to participate in SHAREN, where various ASW tracking exercises were conducted including utilization of our onboard LAMPS helicopter. Deputy CINCLANTFLT, Vice Admiral Carr visited BOONE on 7 December to watch an ASW exercise in progress.

On 9 December, BOONE made a port visit to Freeport, Bahamas where the ship was opened for tours to the general public. 15 December found the BOONE participating in carrier operations with the USS SARATOGA off the east coast of Florida. BOONE returned to Mayport, Florida on 21 December to commence holiday leave and upkeep.