



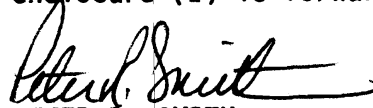
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## USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1986

1986 found BOONE halfway through a Middle East Force Deployment. Except for a few days inport at Bahrain, Dubai, and Oman the months of January and February were spent at sea patrolling the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf in support of national policy objectives.

BOONE received international attention when she was called upon to defend the MV President Taylor after being boarded by the Iranian Navy on 12 January. BOONE also escorted the MV American Kentucky, MV Ranger, and MV China Sea. BOONE entertained the U. S. Ambassador to Oman and guest on board on 3 February.

March 6th was the start of the journey to the United States. The transit was through the Straits of Hormuz, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Suez Canal, and the Mediterranean Sea in company with USS CONNOLLY (DD-979) and USS TATTNALL (DDG-19). BOONE conducted alongside RAS with USNS SEATTLE (AOE-3). A brief port visit 23-26 March in Malaga, Spain was welcomed by the crew. Refueling stops were made at Ponta Del Gada, Azores and Bermuda 29 March and 5 April respectively in company with USS GALLERY (FFG-26) and USS TATTNALL. April 8th through 19 May was spent in Mayport, FL. BOONE was underway 19 to 23 May in the Virginia Capes Operating Area for a missile and anti-submarine warfare exercise. BOONE was inport 23 May - 7 July except for sea trials on June 30th. BOONE was underway 8-11 July for the Engineering Mobile Training Team. BOONE remained in Mayport until 28-29 July for a very successful Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. BOONE was in Mayport until 14 August.

When USS BYRD (DDG-23) was unable to meet her commitment for Northern Wedding '86, BOONE was selected by Second Fleet because of her high state of readiness. Given less than 24 hours notice, the ship and crew completed all necessary preparations for a two month deployment to the North Atlantic. Northern Wedding was the largest NATO maritime exercise ever conducted. Over 35,000 personnel, 450 ships, subs and aircraft were involved in operations in the Atlantic Ocean, Baltic and Norwegian Seas. From 15-19 August, BOONE was evading Hurricane Charlie enroute to Nova Scotia. BOONE was joined by HMCS ATHABASKAN (DDH-282), HMCS ASSINIBOINE (DDH-234), HMCS HURON (DDH-281) and refueled alongside by HMCS PROTECTEUR (AOR-509) of the Royal Canadian Navy. While in Vestfjorden, Norway, BOONE participated in various war game scenarios, tactics, ASW exercises and data collection for research. BOONE was refueled alongside by USS PLATTE (AO-186), USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6), and USS IOWA (BB-61). The BOONE crew learned a great deal operating with their NATO Allies. At the conclusion of Northern Wedding, BOONE was inport Kristiansand, Norway 25-26 September and Copenhagen, Denmark 27 September to October 1st. BOONE was enroute to Bermuda 1-13 October and remained overnight 14 October. 16 October to 24 November was spent at Mayport.

On 24 October, Commander Harvey E. Atkinson, III, USN, was relieved by Commander Peter R. Smith, USN, in a ceremony onboard USS BOONE. Four days later BOONE had a very successful Immediate Unit Command Inspection, followed by an IMAV 3-24 November. On October 19th BOONE was selected to sponsor a Congressional Staff tour. 25 November BOONE conducted deck landing

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qualifications with HSL-36. 26 November to 4 December Fleet Training Unit's 20B5 combat systems training van was onboard.

December 5th BOONE hosted a Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Service. A burial at sea was conducted with a ceremonial flyover in the missing man formation. BOONE was underway 8-12 December in the operating area conducting a wide range of operations including torpedo exercises with USS BONEFISH (SS-582), USS NARWHAL (SSN-671), and USS PETREL (ASR-14). BOONE returned to Mayport 13 December to commence holiday leave and upkeep.

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