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USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1987

1987 found BOONE at her homeport of Mayport, Florida, following a holiday leave and upkeep period. During the month of January, BOONE prepared for the Board of Inspection and Survey.

February 9th to 12th BOONE had undergone a rigorous inspection by the INSURV Board. The result of the inspection was outstanding. From 17 February to 9 March BOONE had a post-INSURV intermediate maintenance availability.

March 10 - 15 BOONE was underway with HSL-36 embarked enroute to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for a CIWS, 76 mm gun and missile shoot. March 18 - 20 was spent inport Bridgetown, Barbados hosting a luncheon for the US Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean. BOONE embarked the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET), on 23 March at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While on patrol off the coast of Haiti and Jamaica on the 29th of March, the sailboat "Endeavor" was boarded and seized. Three US citizens were taken prisoner and 67 bales of marijuana with a street value in excess of half a million dollars were confiscated. A BOONE volunteer prize crew sailed the captured vessel over 110 NM to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On April 8th, off the coast of Venezuela, the "El Chapu Two" and 7 Panamanian prisoners were taken into custody. The vessel was taken in tow and turned over to the Panamanian government.

On 13 April the USCG TACLET was debarked at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, concluding an extremely successful law enforcement operation (LEO). BOONE set a new record for the most boardings (twenty two) during any LEO in the Caribbean. BOONE was subsequently awarded the USCG Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) with Operational Device for contributions to this extremely succesful LEO.

While enroute to Nassau at 0300 April 16th, BOONE responded to an SOS from the M/V Avril Star about to run aground off Great Abaco Island. BOONE rescued and towed the vessel for 12 hours into Nassau. While back in Mayport from 21-29 April BOONE was the winner of the first annual Destroyer Squadron Eight Commodore's Cup Olympics. The results of the 3M inspection was an outstanding score of 92, the highest score to date for the BOONE.

29 April to 16 May BOONE was involved in the Solid Shield 87 exercise acting as a mother vessel to four hydrofoils, supporting them with repair parts, technical assistance and fuel. May 17-26 was spent in Mayport. BOONE was participating in the prospective Submarine Commanding Officer ASW operations at the AUTEK Range Andros Island from 27 May to 3 June.

A Midshipman training cruise started at Roosevelt Roads 04-08 June with the embarkation of a group of thirteen midshipmen and a visit from Miss USA and her court. A luncheon was held onboard for the President and Prime Minister of Dominica during 10 and 11 June. A brief stop for fuel at Roosevelt Roads on the 13th was followed by a port visit from the 16th to the 18th at St Vincent. BOONE hosted a luncheon for the government officials of Bonaire from 21 to 23 June. The next stop was St Thomas from the 26th to the 28th.

A 4th of July bar-b-que for 700 guests of the US Embassy was the highlight of the 1-7 July Jamaica visit. BOONE received national television mention by Mariette Hartly of "The Morning Show" of CBS. She and another 400 US and foreign dignitaries were guests of the Embassy at a cocktail party onboard following the barbeque. The BOONE was on Jamaican television for the various community service projects that were undertaken such as the Lady Musgrave and S.O.S. Orphanage volunteer work.

BOONE had a stop at Key West, 10-12 July prior to Fleetex 3-87 in the Gulf of Mexico until 17 July. The 19th to the 27th was spent in Mayport.

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BOONE had an ammo off-load in Charleston from the 27th to the 28th of July in preparation for an eleven month extended drydock selected restricted availability (EDSRA) at Avondale Shipyard Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana. The ship left Mayport 04 August for a new homeport. The transit up the Mississippi River to New Orleans began at 0400 08 August. BOONE is scheduled to be in the shipyards from 09 August 1987 until 08 July 1988 for an upgrade to a flight IV platform to accommodate two LAMPS Mk III helicopters with rast capabilities, SQR-19 towed array sonar, low cost Link 11 and fin stabilizers, and a complete re-design of principal fire fighting systems. The ships Christmas party was held aboard the Natchez on the 12th of December, one of the few actual paddle wheel river boats on the Mississippi River.

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