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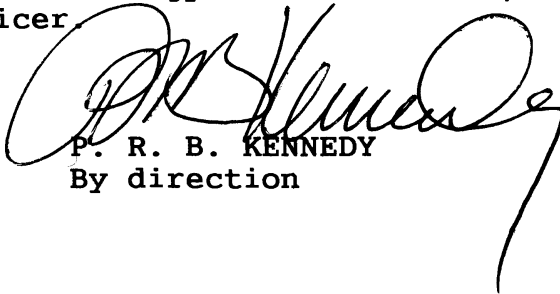
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1. Enclosure (1) is the command history as mandated by reference (a). Included are descriptions of the command composition and organization, the 1994 command chronology with narrative, and a biography of the Commanding Officer.

  
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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 underway, replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping and to conduct ASW 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 "gatling" 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 member of Destroyer Squadron EIGHT based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is W. A. Walsh, CAPT, USN of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1994

1994 for BOONE began in Villefranche, France. BOONE departed France on 3 January enroute for Naval Station La Maddalena, Italy. In Italy BOONE underwent a ten day Maintenance Availability period alongside USS SIMON LAKE (AS 33). BOONE departed La Maddalena on 16 January enroute to Palma, Spain. Later that day BOONE commemorated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a memorial service on board. BOONE arrived at Palma on 20 January for a five day port visit prior to transiting the Atlantic. On 3 February, BOONE made a brief stop in Bermuda to receive forty eight friends and relatives of crew members for a two day "TIGER" cruise. BOONE arrived at Naval Station Mayport, FL on the afternoon of 5 February following a highly successful deployment as part of the USS AMERICA Battle Group.

In late February until early March, BOONE participated in an Intermediate Maintenance Availability at SIMA Mayport, FL. BOONE was underway in the Jacksonville Operations Area for much of the next week, 08-11 March, before getting underway on 14 March for six weeks as part of Operation Support Democracy. BOONE boarded thirty vessels during this period. She returned to Mayport on 19 April and got underway again on 25 April enroute to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA for a complete ammunition offload prior to a Ship's Restricted Availability in May and June. During SRA, BOONE got underway on 20 June for one day sea trails.

On 10 and 11 July, BOONE had the honor of participating in a War at Sea exercise involving numerous Navy and U. S. Air Force aircraft. On 25 July, BOONE got underway enroute to Naval Weapons Station Charleston, SC for ammunition onload.

Following return to Mayport on 31 July, BOONE conducted a Commanders Assessment of Readiness and Training from 2-6 August. BOONE participated in a Tailored Ship's Training Availability from 26 August to 1 September.

On 1 October BOONE departed Mayport enroute to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a three week Limited Team Trainer period. BOONE left Guantanamo Bay on 21 October for return to Mayport, arriving on 26 October.

BOONE began her second Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) of the year on 8 November. TSTA II ended with an underway exercise in the Jacksonville Operations Area from 3-7 December. BOONE departed JAXOA on 8 December enroute to Ft Lauderdale, FL. BOONE enjoyed a brief port visit in Ft. Lauderdale from 11-14 December before returning to Mayport on 16 December.

On 16 February 1995, BOONE received confirmation she had won the Battle Excellence award for calendar year 1994.

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1994  
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN-03	JAN	Inport Villafranche, France
04 JAN-05	JAN	Underway enroute La Maddalena, Italy
05 JAN-15	JAN	IMAV with USS SIMON LAKE in La Maddalena, Italy
16 JAN-19	JAN	Underway Western Mediterranean
20 JAN-25	JAN	Port Visit Palma, Spain
26	JAN	Out Chop Mediterranean
26 JAN-05	FEB	Transit Atlantic with USS AMERICA Battle Group
03	FEB	Anchor Bermuda to receive "TIGERS"
05 FEB-07	MAR	Post Deployment Leave and Stand down
20 FEB-04	MAR	IMAV with SIMA Mayport, FL
08	MAR-11	MAR Underway JAXOA
14	MAR-19	APR Underway Operation Support Democracy
25	APR-27	APR Underway enroute Yorktown, VA
27	APR-28	APR Ammunition offload NAVWPNSTA Yorktown, VA
28	APR-01	MAY Underway enroute Mayport, FL
09	MAY-09	JUL Ship's Restricted Availability
20	JUN	Sea Trials
10	JUL-11	JUL Underway JAXOA for WASEX
25	JUL-27	JUL Underway enroute Charleston, SC
28	JUL	Ammunition onload NAVWPNSTA Charleston, SC
28	JUL-31	JUL Underway enroute Mayport, FL
02	AUG-06	AUG Commander's Assessment of Readiness and Training
26	AUG-31	AUG Tailored Ship's Training Availability I
31	AUG-02	SEP Underway JAXOA
01	OCT-05	OCT Underway enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

05	OCT-21	OCT	Limited Team Trainer Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
21	OCT-26	OCT	Underway enroute Mayport, FL
08	NOV-08	DEC	Tailored Ship's Training Availibility II
05	DEC-08	DEC	Underway JAXOA
08	DEC-10	DEC	Underway enroute Ft. Lauderdale, FL
11	DEC-14	DEC	Port Visit FT Lauderdale, FL
14	DEC-16	DEC	Underway enroute Mayport, FL
17	DEC-31	DEC	Holiday Leave and Standown