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From: Commanding Officer, USS BOONE (FFG 28)
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Encl: (1) BOONE Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is the command history as mandated by reference (a). Included are descriptions of the command composition and organization, the 2000 command chronology with narrative, and a biography of the Commanding Officer.

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J. L. MORMAN

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, replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping and to conduct USW 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 "gattling" 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 Naval Reserve Frigate, assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six and is based in Naval Station Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is Jeffrey L. Morman, CDR, USN.

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 2000
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 10 JAN HOLIDAY STAND DOWN
01 JAN - 14 JAN IMAV 021
18 JAN SEA TRIALS
19 JAN - 27 JAN CDS-14 GROUP SAIL
31 JAN - 11 FEB USW TEAM TRAINER
31 JAN - 04 FEB LTT(E)
14 FEB - 25 FEB CSRR PHASE/TARGET
26 FEB - 27 FEB NRT-JAXOA
28 FEB - 10 MAR LTT(C)
28 FEB - 10 MAR IMAV 022
09 MAR CMTQ
13 MAR - 17 MAR LTT(E)
17 MAR - 20 MAR PVST BOSTON, MA
26 MAR - 27 MAR PVST NORFOLK, VA
28 MAR - 11 APR TOW-EX
28 MAR - 31 MAR LTT(E)
01 APR - 11 APR LTT(C, E, F)
04 APR BSF GTMO
11 APR BSF GTMO
24 APR - 28 APR CSRR PHASE II
01 MAY - 05 MAY PVST PT EVERGLADES-SHELL SEA & AIR SHOW
16 MAY - 18 MAY FEP
18 MAY - 30 MAY IMAV 023
30 MAY - 12 JUN GROUP SAIL 00-2
09 JUN - 06 JUL POM
10 JUL FAST CRUISE
11 JUL DEPLOY CD OPS
07 AUG - 10 AUG PVST CARTAGENA, CO
14 AUG BSF COLON, PM
24 AUG - 28 AUG PVST ORANJESTED, ARUBA
25 AUG CHANGE OF COMMAND
30 AUG ISIC SHIFT TO COMDESRON 6
02 SEP BSF COLON, PM
12 SEP - 15 SEP PVST CARTAGENA, CO
22 SEP BSF COLON, PM
29 SEP - 30 SEP BSF/RON CURACAO, N.A.
07 OCT - 16 OCT MID-DEPLOYMENT IMAV
22 OCT BSF/RON BALBOA, PM/PANAMA CANAL XSIT SOUTH
01 NOV - 04 NOV PVST MANTA, EQ
23 NOV BSF MANTA, EQ
07 DEC - 10 DEC PVST GOLFITO, CS
11 DEC - 12 DEC BSF/RON BALBOA, PM
12 DEC PANAMA CANAL XSIT NORTH
18 DEC - 20 DEC TURNOVER GTMO, CU
19 DEC OUTCHOP
21 DEC PVST PORT EVERGLADES/TIGER CRUISE ENROUTE
MAYPORT, FL
22 DEC RETURN MAYPORT, FL
22 DEC HOLIDAY STANDDOWN

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 2000
NARRATIVE

BOONE began 2000 in Christmas standdown inport Mayport, FL. In January BOONE went through a two-week IMAV followed by sea trials and a successful Group Sail.

In February, BOONE conducted CSRR/Phase Target exercises and also conducted Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). BOONE completed all required exercises early. Additionally, BOONE was able to certify for CMTQ in 2 days. This qualification is normally completed in 1 week.

In late March and early April, BOONE completed a TOW-ESCORT of the EX-USS SOUTH CAROLINA from Norfolk, Virginia to the north end of the Panama Canal.

BOONE began May with a port visit to Port Everglades, Florida for participation in the annual Shell Sea & Air Show where BOONE hosted several hundred visitors. This was followed by a Final Evaluation Period (FEP), a two-week IMAV, Group Sail and Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM).

In late May, BOONE was involved in Group Sail 2000. BOONE conducted all phases of warfighting training including ASW, AAW and SUW. Additionally, training included a GO-FAST exercise in preparation for the 2000 Counter Drug Operations deployment scheduled to commence in July. The highlight of the training was firing 2 SM-1 missiles against a drone and making a skin-on-skin take down of the target. BOONE successfully completed all warfighting training and clearly demonstrated her tenacity and professionalism for her upcoming deployment.

In July, BOONE was tasked to conduct Counter Drug Operations in the Southern Command Area of Operation including the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. While in the southern latitudes off the coast of Ecuador, BOONE was afforded the opportunity to rid herself of all her slimy pollywogs in a "Crossing the Line" ceremony. This event was the highlight of the deployment for a majority of the crew. BOONE made several port visits including stops in Former Naval Station Rodman, Panama; Cartagena, Columbia; Oranjested, Aruba; Curacao, N.A.; Manta Ecuador and Golfito, Costa Rico.

BOONE enjoyed great success over the course of the six-month deployment. The ship seized more than 10,200 pounds of cocaine with a street value of 70 million dollars and apprehended 16 suspected narcotic traffickers.

BOONE conducted a CD-OPS turnover with USS OBANNON (DD 987) and USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15) on 18 December while inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After a quick stop for several hours in Port Everglades, Florida on 21 December to pick up dependents for a tiger cruise, BOONE finally returned to homeport on 22 December to begin holiday/post deployment stand down.

BOONE ended 2000 in a post-deployment standdown in homeport, Mayport, FL.