

# Local Help Programs



Early in the deployment, HAMILTON sent a contingent ashore at Qui Nhon to help with some badly-needed maintenance at a nearby orphanage. Aside from helping out the local population, such programs also gave HAMILTON crewmembers an opportunity to go ashore in Viet Nam and see for themselves a little of what the country is like. A similar program is the MEDCAP, whereby our doctor and corpsmen would go into a small village and treat the people for everything ranging from common colds to eye infections to serious malnutrition. The MEDCAP was also an excellent aid in the nationwide pacification program, helping to better relations between Americans and Vietnamese.

