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Tour of Hampton Roads naval Museum and U.S. Navy in Vietnam Exhibit

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THE TEN THOUSAND-DAY WAR AT SEA

THE U.S. NAVY IN VIETNAM, 1954 - 1975

How did you feel about going to Vietnam?

You know, it's something that...
OPERATION GAME WARDEN: 
KEEPING SHIPPING 
CHANNELS OPEN

In 1965, the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) recognized that the enemy was supplying Viet Cong units via the Ho Chi Minh Trail and Cambodia. In December of that year, the Navy established the River Patrol Force (Dark Force 116) to keep shipping channels open, search river craft, disrupt enemy troop movements, and support special operations and ground forces. Operation Game Warden limited the enemy’s use of South Vietnam’s larger rivers.

HBI Salton checks identification papers and searches a Vietnamese craft on the Perfume River, 1966.