



While on station, we acted as a mother ship for the Swift Boats and kept a relief crew aboard for each boat under our command, providing them with long awaited showers, chow, and relaxation from the arduous and often dangerous assignments aboard their tiny boats. We provided fuel and water for both the Swift Boats and the 82-footers, and were always ready with medical aid when needed. During river assault missions we usually stood by with our 5-inch gun to provide extra fire power when they needed it.

