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[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following cutlines chronicle the joint military operation by the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps involved in the air and sea evacuation of Americans and South Vietnamese from the fallen capital of Saigon]

[CUTLINES - OFFICIAL PHOTOS]

PHOTO NUMBER 1: In the beginning, the operation focused on the evacuation of orphans from Saigon. Air Force military and dependent volunteers help unload a C-141 Starlifter upon landing at Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

PHOTO NUMBER 2: Volunteers escort twins as they arrive at Clark Air Base.

PHOTO NUMBER 3: Evacuees line the inside of a C-141 Starlifter as it flies them to safety from Saigon to Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

PHOTO NUMBER 4: A young South Vietnamese lass sleeps peacefully aboard a C-141 Starlifter enroute to Clark Air Base from Saigon.

PHOTO NUMBER 5: Evacuees arriving at Clark Air Base in the Philippines are escorted from an Air Force C-141 Starlifter by an unidentified dependent volunteer as the airlift was stepped up.

PHOTO NUMBER 6: Clark Air Base civil engineers established a "tent city" to accomodate the evacuees.

PHOTO NUMBER 7: Determined U.S. Marines wait for the call to board helicopters on the deck of a carrier in the South China Sea for the flight to Saigon where they guarded evacuation operations.

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PHOTO NUMBER 8: CH-53 Sea Stallions are poised on the carrier deck for the flight to Saigon.

PHOTO NUMBER 9: The final phase of the evacuation from Saigon was underway. The first Ch-53s set down on the carrier deck.

PHOTO NUMBER 10: Evacuees arrive aboard the USS Hancock in the South China Sea.

PHOTO NUMBER 11: The drama of the last minute evacuation from Saigon was on.

PHOTO NUMBER 12: A flurry of activity aboard the USS Hancock as the Sea Stallion helicopters brought the evacuees from war-stricken South Vietnam to safety.

PHOTO NUMBER 13: Evacuees of all ages braved the winds of helicopter blades aboard the USS Hancock from Saigon.

PHOTO NUMBER 14: An unidentified American was taken from a helicopter by stretcher for medical attention when he arrived aboard the USS Hancock from Saigon.

PHOTO NUMBER 15: The USS Hancock's deck is jammed with helicopters during the Saigon evacuation operation.

PHOTOS NUMBER 16 - 17: The young and the old arrive aboard the USS Hancock from Saigon.

PHOTO NUMBER 18: Air Vice Marshall Nguyen Cao Ky, former Premier and Vice President of South Vietnam, was among the arriving evacuees on the USS Hancock.

PHOTO NUMBER 19: A weary U.S. Marine mans a mini-gun in a CH-53 Sea Stallion during the ferry operations from Saigon to the USS Hancock.

[ENCLOSURE]

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PHOTO NUMBER 20: More arrivals aboard the USS Hancock. Other carriers used in the operation were the USS Okinawa, Midway, Coral Sea and Enterprise.

PHOTO NUMBER 21: South Vietnamese Army Lieutenant General Nguyen Van Toan, Third Corps commander, arrives aboard the USS Hancock.

PHOTO NUMBER 22: Saigon evacuees arrive on the USS Hancock.

PHOTO NUMBER 23: The littered deck of the USS Hancock jammed with evacuees, U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel.