



## Vietnam Era Guidelines

A Walk in Their Boots event staff reserves the right to deny participation for an individual or group who does not comply with Authenticity Standards or Safety Guidelines. If found unable or unwilling to comply, the party will be removed from the event with no questions asked.

### U.S. Forces:

To keep uniforms and equipment within acceptable tolerances, the timeframe will be January 1967 during Operation Cedar Falls. While the Operation was comprised primarily of U.S. Army forces, any division of any branch is accepted, but please limit the use of Special Forces impressions. (Green Beret, SEAL, Force Recon, etc.)

\*Note: As this is a public event, please refrain from using profanity as much as possible during public interaction. Children of age will be present.

Uniforms: Acceptable Uniforms are as follows:

- Jungle Fatigues (Any Pattern)
- OG-107 Uniforms "Sateens" (Army and Marine)
- Tiger Stripes (As many sets were private purchase, these are allowed but not preferred.)

### Private Purchase Clothing And Gear:

As many of GI's and Marines were known to buy Mamasan designed clothing and gear from the 'ville or were shipped care packages with civilian clothing articles, civilian clothing will be allowed in the display area. However, such clothing should be stowed during the battle and military issue be worn. Civilian articles should be appropriate for the general public. Anyone who is seen wearing any inappropriate clothing articles will be asked to switch to military issue clothing or will be subject to denial of participation. No political insignia or political/inappropriate graffiti on uniforms or gear. No drug culture items or pornography.

## Weapons:

NOTE- ALL WEAPONS, BLANK AMMUNITION AND ANY PYROTECHNIC DEVICES WILL UNDERGO SAFETY INSPECTION. ALL WEAPONS (UNLESS NON-FIRING OR BOLT ACTION) MUST BE BLANK ADAPTED AND ALL BLANKS MUST BE OF CRIMPED TYPE. ANY PARTY FOUND IN VIOLATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION. NO WEAPON WILL BE FIRED AT ANYONE CLOSER THAN 25 FEET AND WEAPONS SHOULD NOT BE AIMED DIRECTLY AT ANYONE WHEN BEING DISCHARGED.

US Forces should use generic US Weapons. Captured weapons, "sterile weapons", and Special Forces unique weapons (Stoner series, "Hush Puppies", Uzi's, suppressed weapons, etc.) should be kept in the display area and will not be allowed on field.

Acceptable weapons are as follows:

M-16 and variants (XM-16E1, M-16A1), M-14 and variants (M-21, M-14E2, M-14A1), M-60 GPMG, M-79, M-1 Carbine, M-3 and M-3A1 Grease Guns, Thompson SMG Variants. Should be SBR Versions if using reproductions or BFONGs), Vietnam Era Pump Action Shotguns (Winchester Model 12 and 1897, Ithaca Model 37, Remington 870, Stevens 620, etc.), M-72 LAW and variants (M-72A1 & M-72A2) Remington 700/M-40, Winchester Model 70, and M-1911's. XM-177 and CAR-15 Variants are acceptable for display but discouraged for use. The M-1, M-1 Carbine and M-1A1 Carbine if no other weapon is available is permitted.

## Equipment:

\*Wearing of Flak vests is encouraged. M-1952A, M-1955, variable armor or M-69 3/4 Collar acceptable.

U.S. Army Forces should use M-56 canvas gear. Helmets should have correct Vietnam Era Chinstraps and Hardware with Mitchell Pattern Covers and OD Helmet Bands. Jungle Boots are preferred for footwear but Black Corcoran Jump Boots may be worn for Airborne Impressions.

U.S. Marine Forces should use either M-56 canvas gear or M-61 canvas gear or combination thereof. Helmets should have correct Chinstraps and hardware with either Mitchell Pattern or World War 2 Frogskin Camouflage Covers. Jungle Boots or black leather combat boots are to be worn.

RTO's should carry either PRC-10, PRC-25, or PRC-77 Radios.

Claymore Mine Sets are allowed for display use only.

Packs acceptable for use:

Tropical Rucksack, Lightweight Rucksack, ARVN Rucksack, M-41 Pack system, M-44/45 Pack systems, and M-1942 Mountain Rucksacks.

Personal Appearance:

Shaves need to be either clean or a 1-2 day growth. No beards. No goatees or "Cav" mustaches. No piercings of any kind. Hair must be at least "relaxed" GI standards. The time frame was before the "hippie" appearance of late war units. No civilian jewelry except for watches, wedding rings and small religious medallions.

ARVN/CIDG

All ARVN and CIDG impressions should base their uniform and equipment according to the timeframe of the scenario.

NVA/VC GUIDELINES

All NVA and VC personnel should base their equipment and uniforms according to the timeframe of the scenario.