

A month or so ago, Caltek USA released images of their upcoming Dress Blue Marine figure. We put it on our Facebook page and our FB customers there went bananas over it. Seems we have quite a few current/former Marines, family members of Marines, and/or just friends of Marines that are REALLY wanting this set.

As noted on the Facebook page, and on some discussion boards, there were some medal placement errors, but from what I understand, the guys at Caltek are on top of it and should have those errors corrected by production time. Who knows. If this set proves successful, they very well may do other dress uniforms of the other military branches.

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Dress Blue Marine
GICAL-8013
\$99.99

Dress Blue Marine
w/ M1 Garand
GICAL-8013M1
\$124.99



When I first saw Soldier Story's PLA Counterattack Against Vietnam In Self-Defense figure set, I thought "A North Vietnamese Army figure!" Man, was I wrong on my soldiers.

This figure is actually based on a Chinese PLA (People's Liberation Army) soldier as he would have appeared during the Sino-Vietnamese War (known in China as the "Defensive Counterattack against Vietnam"). This was a brief but bloody border war fought in 1979 between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The PRC launched the offensive in response to Vietnam's 1978 invasion and occupation of Cambodia, which ended the reign of the PRC-backed Khmer Rouge.

Nonetheless, this is one interesting set, which includes a lot of 1970s era ChiCom equipment.

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PLA Counterattack Against Vietnam
In Self-Defense
GISS-056 \$99.99

If you're like me, you probably saw the films *The Eagle* (with Channing Tatum) and *Centurion* (with Michael Fassbender), both of which coincidentally centered around the Ninth Spanish Legion in Britain. Or you may just be a Roman history buff (Hey, I still have my original Cotswold Collectibles Roman Legionary from years past). Either way, you'll be stoked to see the new Roman Legionary coming out from Kaustic Plastik early next year.

Valerius (as he is called) hails from Gallia Lugdunensis (in modern day France) and is a Roman Legionary within Legio XIV Gemina during the Roman Invasion of Britain circa 49 A.D. As with Kaustic's Gladiators, the research on these figures was thorough — some of this figure's pieces will be made of real metal and leather!

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Valerius:
Roman
Legionary
GIKP-0003
\$124.99