

BIG GAME 2014

BATTLE THROUGH THE AGES

Join us at Sudden Impact Paintball Games as we Battle Through the Ages, Saturday July 12, 2014! We start out in August of 480BC fighting alongside of King Leonidas of Sparta or as a member of the massive Persian Army in the Battle of Thermopylae! Jump forward to WW2, as a member of the German War machine or a Soldier in the determined Allied forces assaulting Omaha beach and the city of Caen! After the dust and smoke settles from the battles of WW2, you will fight through the purple haze of Vietnam! We fight for control over Saigon, join the U.S. Army/Army Republic of Vietnam or the Northern Vietnamese Army as they fight for control over Saigon. Now we make our way to 1993 in Operation Gothic Serpent (Black Hawk Down). The U.S. Army Rangers and Special Forces battle their way through the Mogadishu Mile as they attempt to recover two downed pilots and escort them to the green zone.

As always, bring plenty of friends and you will be sure to take home plenty of memories! Help us at Sudden Impact make this Big Game, one to remember!

HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS OF EVENTS

Battle for Thermopylae (300) - Fought between an Alliance of Greek-city states (lead by King Leonidas of Sparta) and the Persian Empire (lead by King Xerxes I of Persia). The Persian Army was on the war path to conquer all of Greece. The Greek alliance decided that they should attempt to stop the Persian Army from advancing at a strategically significant location, a narrow coastal pass (known as “The Hot Gates”). The heavily outnumbered Greek Soldiers held off the Persian Army for 7 days. On the final day of battle, the Persian Army had received word of a small path which would lead to the flank of the Greek Army at the Hot Gates, leading to one of history’s most famous last stands.

Invasion of Normandy (Omaha) - Fought between Axis and Allies. The Normandy Landings were code named “Operation Neptune”, as a part of “Operation Overlord”, which was the allied invasion of Western Europe. D-Day was Tuesday June 6, 1944 which consisted of 2 phases. An airborne assault and an amphibious landing off the coast of France. The use of deception and the luck of inclement weather were key for the surprise attack against the German defenses. Over 160,000 Soldiers participated in the world’s largest amphibious operation, assaulting over 50 miles of coast.

Omaha beach was a 5 mile sector of the invasion that was charged to the Americans. The 1st Infantry Division were to assault the western side of Omaha in the first waves of attacks, and were to bring armor in to help solidify a foot hold and penetrate German defenses and to allow for larger ships to get closer to shore to send in additional waves.

The 352nd was the German unit in charge of defending that sector of the Normandy beaches, with most of its Soldiers being teenagers and less than 50% with battle experience. The German defense strategy was largely designed to stop a sea borne assault at the waterline.

The German Fallschirmjäger is an elite group of Airborne units often used as a Special Forces type group, who responded to several threats throughout the invasion of Europe. One of the Green Devil's tasks was to hunt out the scattered 101st and 82nd Airborne units throughout the French country side.

Battle for Saigon - This was the first battle during the Tet Offensive, (launched by North Vietnam during their New Year). The Northern Vietnamese Army (NVA) wanted to attack the capital of South Vietnam (Saigon) as a focal point of their assault. None of the NVA leadership thought it would be possible to actually take control over the capital, so instead they had 6 main targets inside the city as their objectives. Two of their targets were the U.S. Embassy and the ARVN (Army Republic of Viet Nam) Headquarters, both located inside of Saigon. Most of the attacks against U.S. forces were ambushes as the NVA disguised themselves as local populace (guerillas) until there was a prime time to attack. Also, as this was the Vietnam Tet, there were many firecrackers and celebratory gun fire, which caused confusion among the U.S. troops as to what was combat, and what was normal Tet activity.

Sporadic fighting continued throughout Saigon until March, when the NVA leadership determined that their objectives were not going to be met (*Saigon eventually fell into NVA hands in 1975*). Although the NVA was not successful in completing their tactical objectives, they did cause much more distress and lack of support on the home front for the Americans. The NVA was winning the psychological war in Vietnam.

Operation Gothic Serpent (Black Hawk Down) - Classic example of a simple mission gone wrong. The main players in this conflict were the United Nations – U.S. Special Forces, Rangers, and 10th Mountain Infantry Division vs. the Somali National Alliance – a political alliance formed with Mohamed Aidid as their leader. The original mission was for UN troops to sweep in to a known safe house and extract two of Aidid's senior lieutenants. However, shortly after entering the Mogadishu airspace, Somalis shot down 2 of the Black Hawks.

This changed the mission entirely. An additional task force was launched from the nearby "Green Zone" which included Malaysian armored personnel carriers, Pakistani tanks, and additional infantry men from the U.S. Before the rescue task force was able to reach the crash sites, the sites had already been over ran by Somalis. This became a struggle for UN forces to recover the stranded personnel.

18 U.S. Soldiers lost their lives during the operation and 80 were wounded. The Somalis are estimated to have between 1,500 and 3,000 casualties.

Sudden Impact Paintball Presents:

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7/12/14

- ★-Game starts at 9:30
- ★-\$15 Entry includes all equipment, free lunch, AND RAFFLE
- ★-Paint is \$65/Case (2000rnds) | \$20/500rnds
- ★-HUGE battles!
- ★-Amazing prizes and awards!

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