

Theme Eligibility:

ARMOR (and armor-related subjects): Armored cars; radar units (search and target acquisition but not primarily guidance); search lights (anti-aircraft or "Canal Defense Lights" or other specific battlefield illumination types); figures of Spetsnaz, LRRPs, LRDG, SAS; light tanks or armored cavalry vehicles. Markings to depict units with a reconnaissance, surveillance or target acquisition type mission would make a strong case for eligibility, especially for entries that could be considered "multi-role" or "dual purpose."

AIRCRAFT: Photo reconnaissance, ELINT/SIGINT (Electronic / Signal Intelligence) aircraft, observation/scouting planes (including battleship and cruiser-based floatplanes, scout bombers, and patrol bombers), airships, Police and scout helicopters, Camera aircraft (TV helicopters, movie camera planes).

SHIPS: Destroyer leaders, Destroyer escorts, patrol craft, submarines, spy trawlers, "Technical" (SIGINT/ELINT) ships.

AUTOMOTIVE: Convertibles and other open-topped or topless cars and trucks (includes Roth, Daniels, and Barris "bubble top" cars), police patrol cars, mobile news units.

SPACE: Reconnaissance satellites, space probes (Voyager, etc.).

It is incumbent on the modeler to offer proof that the vehicle fits the theme. Simply calling a model of a satellite or a fishing boat a "Spy Satellite" or "Spy Ship" won't cut it.

In the case of armor, for instance, a searchlight on a tank would not count, but a searchlight mounted on the back of jeep used to illuminate the perimeter of a Vietnam fire base would count, even if the searchlight types are the same.

A radio on a jeep would not count, but a radio-direction finder mounted on a jeep would count. However, another jeep with a radio and markings that specifically depict a reconnaissance unit would count. An LRDG jeep would count, but a jeep depicted as an airfield "follow me" vehicle would not count. An SAS "Pink Panther" Land Rover would count, but a Land Rover marked as an infantry HQ vehicle would not.

An M24 Chaffee light tank in a US Army cavalry unit in WWII would count, but an M24 Chaffee in French markings from Dien Bien Phu would not. An M41 light tank in Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) markings would not count, but an M41 in markings for a US cavalry unit in Germany in the 1950s or '60s would count. An M551 Sheridan marked as a tank from the 82nd ABN in Panama would not count, but a Sheridan in 7ATC camouflage in USAEUR would.