



Mickey Mouse is a recurring ironic symbol in *Full Metal Jacket*.

Possible meanings behind this symbolism include: Triumphant Americanism and the Phoney Nature of the War.

Mickey Mouse appears in the Film in the following ways:

- When Hartman storms into the bathroom to confront Pyle and he yells “What is this Mickey Mouse shit?” At this point Hartman is not convinced of the seriousness of Pyle’s actions.
- In the Stars and Stripes office at DaNang, there are Mickey and Minnie dolls sitting on he window sill. This shows that the paper is phoney and a joke.
- The singing of the Mickey Mouse Club theme song at the end. This is ironic wherein the song it is a farewell until next time, it signifies a definite end in the film – of life and innocence.