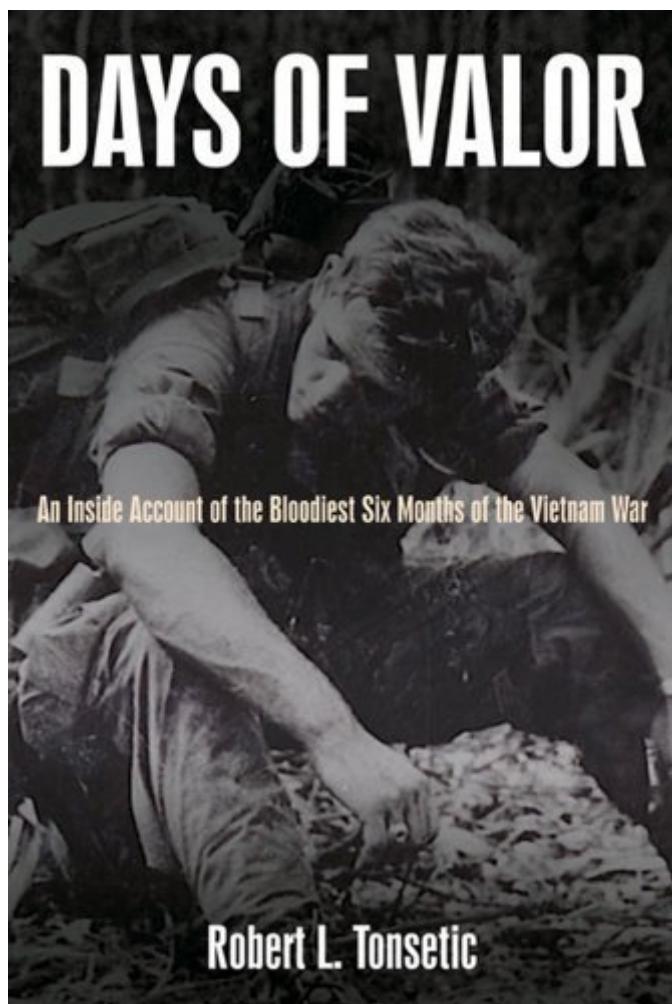


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# Days Of Valor: An Inside Account Of The Bloodiest Six Months Of The Vietnam War



## **Synopsis**

A nonstop maelstrom of combat action, leaving readers nearly breathless by the end. Days of Valor covers the height of the Vietnam War, from the nervous period just before Tet, through the defeat of that offensive, to the highly underwritten, yet equally bloody NVA offensive of May 1968. On January 30, 1968, the storm breaks loose, as Saigon and nearly every provincial capital in South Vietnam is under assault by the communists. The narrative is jarring, because even though the author was a company commander during these battles, he has based this work upon objective research including countless interviews with other soldiers of the 199th LIB. The result is that everything we once heard about Vietnam is laid bare in this book through actual experience, as U.S. troops go toe-to-toe at close-range against their foes. The book ends with a brief note about the 199th LIB being deactivated in spring 1970, furling its colors after suffering 753 dead and some 5,000 wounded. This fascinating book will help to remind us of the sacrifices made by all Vietnam veterans. REVIEWS "...will resonate with veterans, especially grunts who served anywhere in Vietnam....offers historical insights for today...a worthy memorial." Vietnam Magazine 12/2007" ... this book has no other purpose other than to disclose the valor and sacrifice of those who fought during this period. ...Reviewed by: Edward Fennell" ... Tonsetic's account is a panegyric to the soldiers he served with...the work is primarily about his own experiences and those of the people around him, collected from the personal recollections of participants." Library Journal, 02/2007" ... a spell binding account of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade's actions surrounding the Tet Offensive... an excellent memorial to the exploits of this fighting unit." Collected Miscellany, 06/2008

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a testament to the courage and gallantry of the men of the infantry battalions of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade stationed in Vietnam from December 1967 through May of 1968. Colonel Tonsetic (Ret.) has taken what we briefly saw and heard on our nightly TV news to a whole new true and factual level. These are real first hand accounts by the author and many others who were there and lived to tell about it. The reader becomes engrossed in the heroic efforts of the soldiers who fought these battles and for those who never made it home. This nation owes these men a debt that can never be repaid. The detailed description of their humility, bravery, determination, fortitude and tenacity is what makes these soldiers America's heroes. Thanks to the author who has dedicated so much time and effort to research, interview and record these accounts as these stories need to be told and also for speaking for those who can not. The book is both educational and enlightening to those of us who were not there but still care. We will be forever grateful for their tremendous sacrifices.

This is one of the finest books of the Vietnam War. It focuses on a six month window of heavy Infantry combat involving the 199th Light Infantry (Separate) Brigade. The Tet Offensive was a decisive period of the war. Col. Tonsetic painstakingly weaves personal stories of Infantryman throughout the whole book. His book uses multiple soldiers, eye witness accounts, of enemy contact. It gives the reader a whole picture of how each event unfolded as seen by multiple participants. Col. Tonsetic has amassed a verifiable masterpiece of Infantry combat. It's a true story of American soldiers who performed their extreme duties under very difficult circumstances. If you want to read a book about Vietnam that is absent of the political spin about the war, this is the book. It is a must read and valued addition to American military history.

Days of Valor is an excellent account of the 4th Battalion 12th Infantry Regiment assigned to the 199th Infantry Brigade (Separate, Light) during the end of 1967 thru the TET offensive of 1968. It has been carefully researched and documented by a Company Commander that served during this period. The 4th of the 12th performed magnificently and is typical of so many units that were not

given the proper recognition for their service. It was an honor for "C" Battery, 2nd Battalion 40th Artillery, to provide all of their direct support artillery fires during the time 4/12 fought in Vietnam.

Having read numerous books on Vietnam I am pretty knowledgeable on the different battles that took place. But after reading Tonsetic's first book I had to read this one. It was done so in two days! I could not put it down. It describes, and in great detail, the battles fought by the 199th LIB during Tet and the May Offensive of '68. From rice paddies and jungles, to the streets of Saigon and the Cholon District , they encountered some of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. Never a dull moment, the author tells the story of his troopers firefights and how they related to the overall big picture. This isn't just another officer's account of his time "in-country", but an account of the entire brigade during '68. A must read for any 'Nam buff!

This is a good account of the Tet Offensive in III Corps written from a career officer's standpoint. The grunts are viewed as loyal tools for the officers who long for battle but circle overhead in a command and control helicopter while the grunts are chopped up in the battle below. It gives a good critique of the officers involved and their readiness for battle and does not pull punches on the incompetency of a fellow officer. The attitude of the EM is probably as an officer saw it but not the men would have portrayed themselves if given a choice at the time of the action. It is a good read and should be of interest to those who had the misfortune of visiting Vietnam during those times as well as to those who did not.

Excellent and well written book that provides much about the TET offensive and the turning point about the war in Vietnam. The author brings out the true and great qualities of soldiers, some who did and sadly those who didn't make it home, but the heroism they displayed to help their brothers, knowing they would die shows the true nature of their support for each other.

Bought this book for the Kindle E-reader. Honestly, I couldn't put it down. Once I started reading it, every spare minute I got I would read a few more pages until I finished it. Being too young to be drafted for the war, this book really gave me a whole new appreciation for those men and women who served our country in the Vietnam War. When I see those car bumper stickers that say "Vietnam Vet", this book makes me want to get out of my car at a stop light and go and thank that vet sitting in the car in front of me. This is a must read for everyone who is under fifty years old.

I've only read a couple of Vietnam books. I liked this book very much and recommend it to everyone. As usual, it was hard following much of the troop movements just because of the military nomenclature, but, it made going back and rereading chapter even more interesting than the first read. I feel I understand this war much better after reading it. It has been hard for me to understand how hard this war was for our troops. Worth every penny.

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