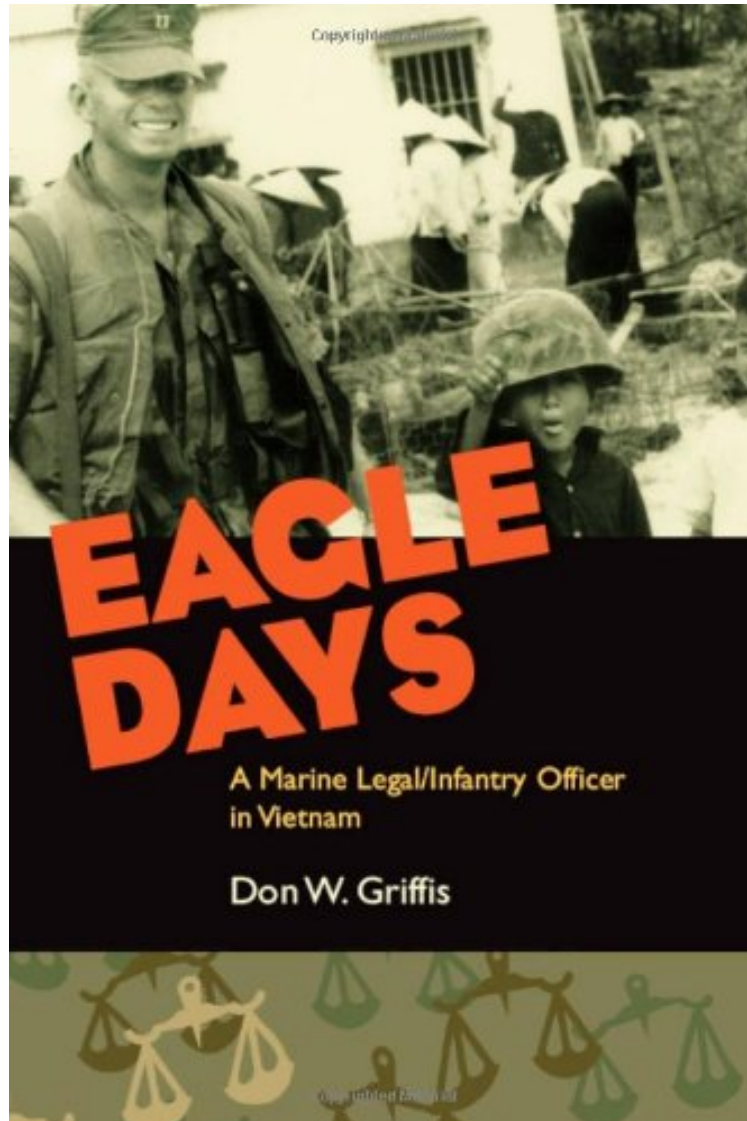


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**Mr. Donald W. Griffis : Eagle Days: A Marine Legal/Infantry Officer in Vietnam** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Eagle Days: A Marine Legal/Infantry Officer in Vietnam:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pursuing Justice and the Viet Cong By Motown The author served as both a legal officer and as an infantry company commander simultaneously while assigned to the U.S. Marine Corps Force Logistics Command at Camp Books located just north of DaNang. He presents a unique perspective about the challenges of both jobs. As a legal officer, he sometimes acted as prosecutor and at other times as defense counsel; as

commander of a provisional rifle company he was responsible for training non-infantry Marines in infantry tactics, techniques, and procedures. He travelled the breadth and width of I Corps Tactical Zone pursuing legal matters; his ProvRifles patrolled DaNang's Northern Defense Sector from the mouth of Elephant Valley (so called because elephants were used as heavy haulers carrying enemy supplies inland from the Ho Chi Minh Trail) to Highway One (infamous as "the Street Without Joy). While the author describes no major battle actions on the order of Khe Sahn or Hue City, he does an excellent job of describing day-to-day life in Vietnam and offers several poignant observations about the impact of Vietnam on those who served in the combat zone. The book is relatively well written and kept my interest, but I served in the same places and at roughly the same time (1969-1970) doing similar things (rifle platoon commander) so the descriptions of terrain were very familiar. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Intriguing Look By Shana Pare Written in journal entries, "Eagle Days" is an interesting look at the day-to-day life of a man at war. One would expect that such a book might be dry as West Texas land, but Mr. Griffis has written with wry humor that lets one see the young man behind the uniform. Overall, I recommend the book not only for those who have been to war, but for those who have not. The name of war has changed, but not the pride and bravery of the soldier who fights it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Eagle Days By Kenny Lane Eagle Days was an interesting look at the Vietnam war from a Marine officer with primary duties 'behind the line' and additional duties organizing local patrols. The book focused less on actual combat than other memoirs but the insight into the attempt to maintain discipline through the military legal system was an area I enjoyed learning about.

Much has been written about America's war in Vietnam, and an enduring and troubling subtext is the composition of the body of soldiers that made up the U.S. troop deployment: from the initially well-trained and disciplined group of largely elite units that served in the mid-sixties to what has been termed an armed mob by the end of that decade and into the early 1970s. Drug use, insubordination, racial antagonism that often became violent, theft and black market dealing, and even fragging (murder of officers and senior noncoms by disgruntled troops) marred the record of the U.S. military presence. Don Griffis served in the twin roles of legal officer charged at various times with the task of both defending and prosecuting servicemen, while at the same time leading combat patrols in search and destroy missions against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese enemy. Eagle Days is a remarkable account of Griffis' personal record of experiencing what the military should do best: meet, engage, and defeat the enemy and what it becomes when esprit de corps, discipline, and a sense of purpose decay.

As a former Marine officer who served a tour in Vietnam from 1967-68 with the 3rd Marine Division below the DMZ, I found the manuscript extremely interesting. At times, I found it hard to put down. The author is an excellent writer and storyteller. His writing style is crystal clear, interspersed with subtle witticisms that had me chuckling out loud. I got a good feel for the kind of Marine officer that he was: a wise, decent sort with lots of common sense.