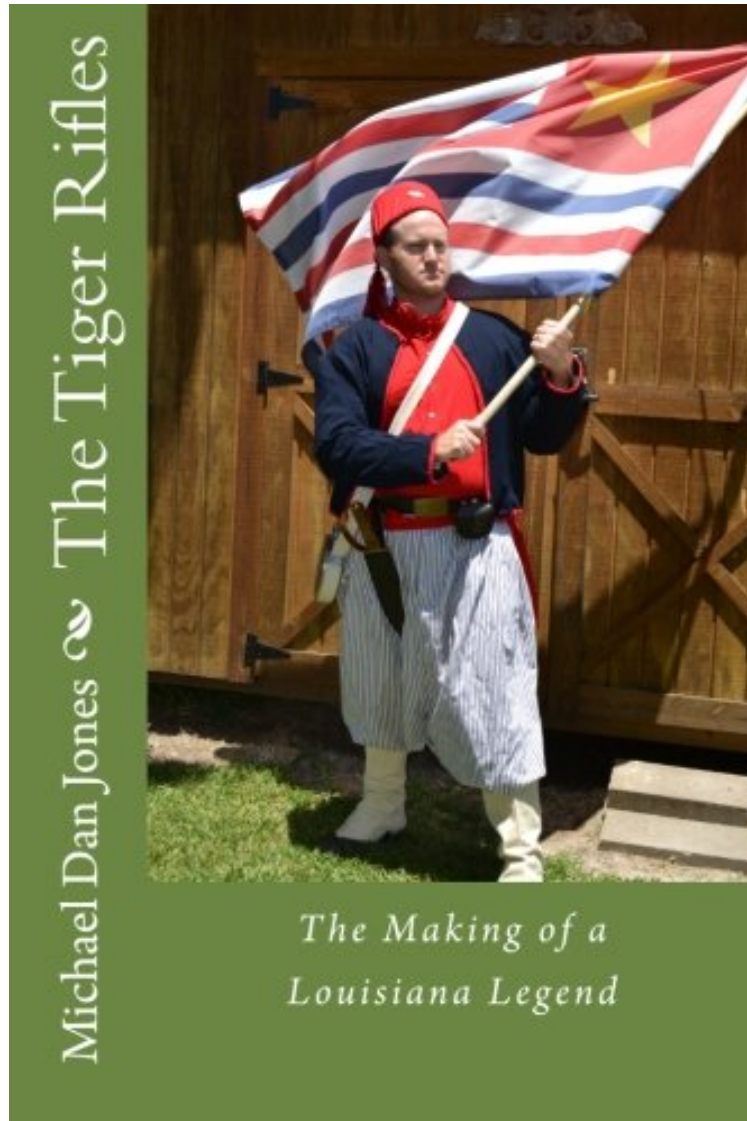


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Mr. Michael Dan Jones : The Tiger Rifles: The Making of a Louisiana Legend before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Tiger Rifles: The Making of a Louisiana Legend:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good history of the regiment but a disappointing bias from the authorBy Joe OwenMichael Dan Jones has written a history of a Confederate Rifle Regiment that was a part of the famous "Wheat Brigade" of Louisiana that was in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War (1861-1865). The author has written a good account of the history of the regiment, however, his personal viewpoints of the cause of the Civil War and the "noble cause of Southern States" has made this a distraction to read. This is unfortunate because

as a history of the regiment, Mr. Jones has written about is excellent, but for the author to take the beginning two chapters of the book and make a defence of the secession of southern states and quoting various historical figures in defence of secession altered my viewpoint of this book from the beginning. While the history of the regiment is accurate, the author also puts in various pages "the noble sons of the noble cause", "the great secession for states rights" and other personal opinions that have no place in the book that is supposed to be about the regiment and their history. I understand that an author has every right to state his opinions in a book, however, the author must understand that historical books should be for ALL readers to know more about a certain historical regiment, battle, etc etc. The American Civil War is a contentious viewpoint that still lingers after 150 years since the beginning of the war. It is a sad statement that some modern authors today take a historical regiment and though they can be accurate about its history, they make it a "soapbox" to "preach" about their personal opinion about the right for any state to secede, and it is incomprehensible when they defend "states rights" and make the point that the Civil War was not about slavery. This does an INJUSTICE not only of the history of the regiment but the soldiers who were in the regiment. Though the author has excellent and accurate history of the battles and the men the regiment was composed of, I can't recommend this book for those who want a fair and reasonable history of this fine regiment that fought in the Civil War. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent History of a Famous Military Unit By Elaina Bordelon This was a well-researched history of a remarkable company. In response to a previous review, I felt that the author's tone and commentary were appropriate. This is the history of a Southern company, so to be told from a Southern perspective was not out of bounds. Mr. Jones is obviously passionate about his subject and I appreciate the time and care he took on this history. I hope we see much more from this author in the future.

A history of Company B, 1st Special Battalion (Wheat's) Louisiana Volunteers in the War Between the States. The Tiger Rifles, Company B, of Wheat's Battalion became famous because of their flashy Zouave uniforms, their famous battalion commander, Major Roberdeau Wheat, and their heroics at First Battle of Manassas. Their nickname, Tigers, became attached, first to the battalion, and then to all Louisiana troops serving in the Army of Northern Virginia. The book tries to separate fact from myth with regards to the Tigers. The men became so notorious for their antics in camp, they got blamed for a lot of things they didn't do, although they did plenty on their own to deserve their reputation. Also examined is the possible real identity of their company commander, Captain Alexander White. His name is an alias but as far as is known, his real identity has been a mystery. The book focuses tightly on the men of the Tiger Rifles and brings them to life as much as the limited resources allows.

About the Author A Louisiana resident, the author, Michael Dan Jones, is a Vietnam War veteran and an avid student of military history, particularly the War for Southern Independence. He is also a veteran living history re-enactor who took part in the 125th anniversary reenactment of the First Battle of Manassas as a member of the Tiger Rifles re-enactment unit. Jones is a retired newspaperman and has written articles for prominent historical magazines. He is a 1974 cum laude graduate of the University of Houston and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Company of Military Historians, the Sons of the American Revolution, and Descendants of Mexican War Veterans and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Jones is the recipient of the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal from the United Daughters of the Confederacy for a series of articles he wrote on the Battle of Calcasieu Pass, Louisiana. Other notable awards he has received are the Distinguished Service Medal and the Commander-In-Chief's Award, both from the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from his local SCV camp, Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390. Jones co-authored "Lee's Foreign Legion: A History of the 10th Louisiana Infantry Regiment," with Thomas Walter Brooks. The Southwest Louisiana Historical Association has published a series of books by Jones, which are compilations of his newspaper articles he wrote on the history of the area, "Southwest Louisiana in the War Between the States," "Southwest Louisianians Defend the Nation," and "Adventures in Old Calcasieu." Michael Dan Jones is currently working on a series of histories about Louisiana Confederate military units in the War for Southern Independence.