

Tet: Vietnamese New Year

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What is TET?

Tet Nguyen Dan is the Vietnamese lunar New Year Festival and the most important Vietnamese holiday. Literally, *Tet Nguyen Dan* means the first morning of the first day of the new period. Tet falls sometime between the last ten days of January and the middle part of February. [courtesy of: <http://www.psywarrior.com/TetPsyop.html>]

Tet takes place on the first day of the first month of the Lunar calendar. This usually translates to late January or early February on the Gregorian calendar. In 2014 Tet will be celebrated on January 31.

The years are represented by 12 zodiac animals: rat, buffalo, tiger, cat, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. These animals rotate through 12-year periods. Each animal has different strengths and weaknesses that they are believed to pass on to any person born in their year. For example, the year of the dragon is considered the most noble and powerful of all the animals. [courtesy of: <http://www.holidaysia.com/events/tet/>]

During the Vietnam War, TET Dates for 1958-1975 fell on the sequential Zodiac-dates of:

	Zodiak (Rotation order)	TET	Year	
1.	Rat	February 7	1960	1972
2.	Buffalo-Ox	January 26	1961	1973
3.	Tiger	February 14	1962	1974
4.	Cat-Rabbit	February 3	1963	1975
5.	Dragon	January 23	1964	
6.	Snake	February 10	1965	
7.	Horse	January 31	1966	
8.	Goat-Sheep	February 19	1967	
9.	Monkey	February 8	1968	
10.	Rooster-Chicken	January 28	1969	
11.	Dog	February 16	1958	1970
12.	Pig-Boar	February 5	1959	1971

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Ceasefire and bombing halts were declared during TET dates were never honored by North Vietnam.

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