



Veterans Writing Workshop 2018

Veterans Writing Workshops are designed to help veterans, active military, and their family members develop the writing and narrative skills that can empower them to tell their stories, whether they be true-life accounts or wholly original tales. For many veterans, having a safe and creative outlet to share their thoughts and experiences or explore their original ideas can be rewarding and enriching.

Each session is **free** and conducted by professional writers and educators; they provide the same high level of instruction as a college or university writing course. Space is limited. **Open to veterans, active duty, and veterans' family members only**; registration is required.

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Presented by the
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
and **Missouri Humanities Council**

Sponsored by the **Kansas City Veterans Writing Team:**

- Kansas City Public Library
- Missouri Arts Council
- Mid-Continent Public Library
- Moral Injury Association of America
- The Writers Place

FIVE SATURDAY SESSIONS:
September 15 - October 13, 2018
Kansas City Public Library - Plaza Branch
4801 Main St., Kansas City, MO

KICKOFF & PUBLIC PROGRAM:

Invisible Wounds of War: Writing through Injury

Saturday, September 15, 2018 | 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch
4801 Main St., Kansas City, MO

Free and open to the public

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A panel of writers, poets, and experts on moral injury and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) discuss how creative arts help address combat's "invisible wounds."

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

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SESSION 1: SEPT. 15 / 1 - 3 P.M.
Writing Through Injury

SESSION 2: SEPT. 22 / 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Poetry Writing

SESSION 3: SEPT. 29 / 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Prose Writing

SESSION 4: OCT. 6 / 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
How to Revise Your Work

SESSION 5: OCT. 13 / 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Writers' Critique



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Invisible Wounds of War Writing Through Injury

The psychological toll of military combat was underscored a year ago by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which found suicide rates more than a fifth higher for America's veterans than non-veterans. The **Veterans Writing Workshop** is designed to address those "invisible wounds," offering a creative outlet for sharing thoughts and experiences or for exploring original ideas.

The first of five weekly sessions at the **Kansas City Public Library's Plaza Branch** opens with a public presentation featuring Iraq War veteran and acclaimed author and poet **Brian Turner**. He joins **Rita Brock**, senior vice president of moral injury programs for the nonprofit Volunteers of America, and **George Dent**, a PTSD psychologist at Kansas City's VA Medical Center, in discussing PTSD, moral injury (the inability to reconcile wartime actions with a personal moral code) and other traumas and how writing and other creative arts can help in recovery.

Later that afternoon, eligible veterans, active duty military, and their families can take part in the first writing workshop session, hosted by Turner. Registration is required.

The event, recommended for past and present military members and veterans' families, is co-presented by the **Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.** and **Missouri Humanities Council** and co-sponsored by the **Kansas City Public Library, Missouri Arts Council, Mid-Continent Public Library, Moral Injury Association of America,** and **The Writers Place.**

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Veterans Writing Workshop Session

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Session: 1 - 3 pm.

Kansas City Public Library

Plaza Branch, 4801 Main St., KCMO

The first writing session with Guggenheim Fellowship recipient and Iraq veteran Brian Turner will cover writing about life's experiences through author readings and writing prompt opportunities. Open to veterans, active duty, and veterans' family members only. Registration is required.

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