“The workshop was an excellent opportunity both to develop a narrative about my service and to hear the stories of other service members. These new perspectives had a profound effect on my understanding of what it means to have served.”

- WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Every veteran has memories of his or her military service from enlistment, boot camp, and trainings, through deployments and homecomings. At the 2018 UC Student Veterans Summer Writing Workshop, veterans from all ten campuses of the University of California will gather for five days to study the art and practice of storytelling. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, student veterans will compose and share personal narratives about their military experiences.

This year's workshop will be held at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Located next to the ocean with many scenic trails and opportunities for tranquility and recreation, the campus provides an ideal environment in which to disconnect from the stresses of the world and focus on ideas and feelings associated with military life.

The program schedule includes daily workshops, group discussions, and story circles. Afternoons are devoted to writing and are a time of quiet work. The late afternoons are reserved for recreation: attending a yoga class to refresh mind and body, swimming and exercising, meditating, and strolling around the campus lagoon, labyrinth, and beach.

Daily communal meals and evening gatherings, including a sunset beach barbeque, afford time for conversation, friendship-building, and conviviality. The final evening will feature a celebratory banquet in which participants have the opportunity to share their written stories with their peers and members of the campus community.

The 2018 UC Student Veterans Summer Writing Workshop will be held June 18-23, 2018. Participants attend free of charge and are provided meals, lodging, and a travel allowance.

If you are a UC student veteran interested in exploring what your service has meant to you, developing your writing skills, and strengthening your ability to communicate with others about your military experiences, we invite you to apply to the 2018 UC Student Veterans Summer Writing Workshop.

Space is limited. Admission is on a rolling basis and will begin on January 15, 2018 and close when the workshop is filled.

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