“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
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 UC Student Veterans Summer Writing Workshop, student veterans from across the University of California gather for five days to practice the art of storytelling.

The workshop is held annually at the UC Santa Barbara. In the workshop, student veterans will have the opportunity to compose narratives about their military experiences, guided by instructors who have worked extensively with veterans. Each day, participants take part in a small group workshop, have time to write and revise their stories, and enjoy communal meals, recreation, and evening activities with the other veterans. The schedule also includes an evening barbeque on the beach and a final reading and reception with university and community supporters.

The workshop takes place each June. 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 UC Student Veterans Summer Writing Workshop.

To learn more, visit: ihc.ucsb.edu/public-humanities/uc-vww/

The UC Student Veterans Writing Workshop was created in the belief that when veterans write their stories and share them with others, they become more connected to themselves, heal invisible wounds, discover new meanings in their life, and build bridges of communication to the civilian world.