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Resources for Webinar Series:
Veterans, Disability and the Power of Literature

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Webinar Series Archives

1. Archive Part 1: History of Literature, Veterans and Disability
   Broadcast: August 29, 2018
   Web: adasoutheast.org/webinars/2018/vets-literature-webinar-series.php#part1

2. Archive Part 2: Contemporary Literature
   Broadcast: September 12, 2018
   Web: adasoutheast.org/webinars/2018/vets-literature-webinar-series.php#part2

3. Archive Part 3: Conversation with the Poets
   Broadcast: September 26, 2018
   Web: adasoutheast.org/webinars/2018/vets-literature-webinar-series.php#part3
Works listed by History

Trojan War and Greek Literature

- See also: Homer

Civil War

- Civil War Poetry
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/articles/69877/a-poetry-fueled-war
- In Their New Book, Larry Logue and Peter Blanck Analyze Military Veterans' Psychological Wounds Through a Civil War Lens
  Source: Syracuse University News (July 13, 2018)

World War I

- Poetry of World War I
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/articles/70139/the-poetry-of-world-war-i
- World War I Poets
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/collections/101720/world-war-i-poets
- See also: Rupert Brooke
- See also: Siegfried Sassoon
- See also: Toni Morrison

Vietnam War

- Poetry of the Vietnam War
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/collections/144186/the-poetry-of-the-vietnam-war
- Writing Vietnam
  Nationally recognized writers of fiction, memoir, poetry, journalism, and biography read from and discussed their works based on their experiences in the Vietnam War. The Brown University Department of English and Creative Writing Program hosted a "Writing Vietnam" conference.
  Source: Brown University (April 1999)
  Web: cds.library.brown.edu/projects/WritingVietnam/intro.html
- See also: Doug Anderson
- See also: Jonathan Shay
- See also: Tim O'Brien
- See also: Yusef Komunyakaa
Iraq and Afghanistan Wars

- **Acolytes of War and the Time Now Blog**
  This website and blog explores art, music, film, and literature about America’s wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in the 21st-century.
  Source: Acolytes of War
  Web: acolytesofwar.com

- **See also: Brian Turner**
- **See also: Chantelle Bateman**
- **See also: Dunya Mikhail**
- **See also: Jenny Pacanowski**
- **See also: Kevin Powers**
- **See also: Paul Wasserman**

20th Century and Other Literature

- **See also: Carolyn Forché**
- **See also: Stephen Kuusisto**

Authors and Poets listed by Name

**Brian Turner**

- **Book review: "Phantom Noise" by Brian Turner**
  This collection includes the poem, "At Lowes Home Improvement Center"
  Source: Connotation Press

**Carolyn Forché**

- **Book review: "Against Forgetting: 20th Century Poetry of Witness" by Carolyn Forche'**
  Source: 3 Generations
  Web: 3generations.org/cultural-regeneration/against-forgetting-20th-century-poetry-of-witness/
- **Another book review of "Against Forgetting"**
  Source: Poets.org
  Web: poets.org/poetsorg/book/against-forgetting-twentieth-century-poetry-witness

**Chantelle Bateman**

- **Learn about Chantelle Bateman, writer and artist**
  Source: Warrior Writers
  Web: warriorwriters.org/artists/chantelle.html
Doug Anderson
- Book: Keep Your Head Down: The Sixties, and a Journey of Self-Discovery
- Learn about Doug Anderson, poet
  Web: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doug_Anderson_(poet)

Dunya Mikhail
- Text of poem “The Iraqi Nights” by Dunya Mikhail
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poems/88939/the-iraqi-nights
- Learn about poet Dunya Mikhail
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poets/dunya-mikhail

Homer
- "The Odyssey" by Homer – Plot Overview
  Web: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odyssey
- "The Iliad" by Homer – Plot Overview
  Web: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iliad

Jenny Pacanowski
- Learn about poet and artist Jenny Pacanowski
  Select the link to “Writing” under her name to read her poems.
  Source: Warrior Writers
  Web: warriorwriters.org/artists/jenny.html

Jonathan Shay
- Book: Achilles in Vietnam: Combat Trauma and the Undoing of Character
- Book: Odysseus in America: Combat Trauma and the Trials of Homecoming
- Interview with Dr. Jonathan Shay on Returning Veterans and Combat Trauma
  Source: New York Times
  Web: nytimes.com/2008/01/13/us/13shay-interview.html
Kevin Powers

- **Book and Film Review: "The Yellow Birds" by Kevin Powers**
  Source: Acolytes of War
  Web: acolytesofwar.com/2013/07/29/james-river-blues-kevin-powers-the-yellow-birds/
- **Learn about Kevin Powers**
  Source: Kevin Powers
  Web: kevincpowers.com

Paul Wasserman

- **Learn about poetry collection "Say Again All" by Paul Wasserman**
  Source: Acolytes of War
  Web: acolytesofwar.com/2012/12/23/paul-wasserman-say-again-all

Rupert Brooke

- **Learn about Rupert Brooke, poet**
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poets/rupert-brooke

Siegfried Sassoon

- **Learn about Siegfried Sassoon, poet**
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poets/siegfried-sassoon
- **Text of Siegfried Sassoon’s poem, “Counter Attack”**
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poems/57220/counter-attack

Stephen Kuusisto

- **Text of poem “Life in Wartime” by Stephen Kuusisto**
  Source: Split This Rock
  Web: splitthisrock.org/poetry-database/poem/life-in-wartime
- **Book: Have Dog, Will Travel**
- **Learn about Stephen Kuusisto, poet and author**
  Web: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Kuusisto
- **Q&A with Stephen Kuusisto - Author of “Have Dog, Will Travel”**
  Source: The Bark
  Web: thebark.com/content/qa-stephen-kuusisto-author-have-dog-will-travel
Tim O'Brien

- Text of “How to Tell a True War Story” by Tim O'Brien
  A short story from the book, “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien
  Source: Brown University
  Web: cds.library.brown.edu/projects/WritingVietnam/readings/tob_true_war.html

- "The Things They Carried" short stories by Tim O’Brien - Plots Overview
  Web: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Things_They_Carried

Toni Morrison

- “Sula” novel by Toni Morrison - Plot Overview
  Web: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sula_(novel)

Wilfred Owen

- Learn about Wilfred Owen, poet
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poets/wilfred-owen

- Text of Wilfred Owens’ poem, “Dulce et Decorum Est”
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/poems/46560/dulce-et-decorum-est

Yusef Komunyakaa

- Text of poem “Starlight Scope Myopia” by Yusef Komunyakaa
  Source: Robert Ronnow Poetry
  Web: ronnnowpoetry.com/contents/komunyakaa/Starlight.html

- Analysis of poem "Starlight Scope Myopia"
  Source: Starlight Scope Myopia
  Web: starlightscopemyopiayusef.weebly.com/
More Information on Veteran Writers

- **Articles about War and War Poetry**
  Source: Poetry Foundation
  Web: poetryfoundation.org/collections/144683/war-poetry

- **Female Veterans Say It’s Their Time to Write the Memory of War**
  Source: Washington Post (March 30, 2018)
  Web: washingtonpost.com/politics/female-veterans-say-its-their-time-to-write-the-memory-of-war/2018/03/30/bc8ea5d4-06a4-11e8-8777-2a059f168dd2_story.html

- **Warrior Writers**
  A national non-profit organization whose mission is to create a culture that articulates veterans’ experiences, build a collaborative community for artistic expression, and bear witness to war and the full range of military experiences. Local chapters host writing workshops and other events.
  Source: Warrior Writers
  Web: warriorwriters.org

- **Welcome Home Soldier**
  A weblog for Veterans, writers, students, and others who believe in learning from and making history offers thousands of articles, posts, and a free writing seminar, “Using History for Healing and Writing.”
  Source: Welcome Home Soldier
  Web: welcomehomesoldier.com/index.php

- **William Joiner Institute for the Study of War and Social Consequences**
  Promotes research, curriculum development, events, and educational, cultural, and humanitarian exchanges, which address the consequences of war. By serving veterans, family members of veterans, war refugees and all victims of war, they aim to create a public space where the issues of war and their human, social, political, and environmental consequences can be openly discussed and analyzed.
  Source: University of Massachusetts - Boston
  Web: umb.edu/joinerinstitute

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