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## 2017 Veterans Writing Prize

**Call for submissions.**

**Share your story with South Dakota.**

**Who:** Veterans of or current service members in any branch of the United States military currently living in South Dakota.

**What:** A story. New, unpublished material on any aspect of the military experience. Individuals may submit up to five pages of material. Material can be in any form: poetry, prose, fiction, creative non-fiction, etc. Whatever format you choose to share your story, please write as creatively as possible. Consider using creative comparisons and vivid sensory details in your submission.

Include a cover page with the author's name, address, military branch/service dates, and the words "Veterans Writing Prize Submission." In addition to the cover page, submissions may be up to 5 pages (1-inch margin, single-spaced paragraphs, and 12 point font).

**When:** The submission period is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Finalists will have the option to publish their work on the SD Humanities Council website.

Three finalists will be invited to the South Dakota Festival of Books for a reading at an event with Pulitzer Prize winner and contest judge, Robert Olen Butler, who will announce the winner at the event. The SDHC will pay state-rate mileage to finalists to attend the Festival event on Sept. 23, 2017 in Deadwood. Writers do not need to be available to attend the Festival to submit work; a representative can read the author's work on the finalist's behalf. One finalist will be selected as the winner and will receive a cash prize of \$1,000, second place will receive \$500 and third will receive \$250.

**Send submissions to:**

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