



Minnesota
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Center

Veterans' Voices Award

Award Submissions

For the past six years, MHC has honored Veterans who contribute in myriad ways to their communities, state, and country. The 2019 Veterans' Voices Award Ceremony will continue to honor the outstanding work of Minnesota's Veterans in an exciting new format that features their personal stories.

Through poetry, prose, essays, memoirs, and more, this year's Award will recognize outstanding Minnesota Veterans who have found their voice through writing. On October 5, this year's Ceremony will feature Awardees sharing their writing at a public gathering.



2019 Award Timeline

- April 3 Submissions Open
- April 14–July 13 Warrior Writers Workshops
- July 21 Submission Deadline**
- August 15–16 Awardee Notification
- October 5 Veterans' Voices Award Ceremony



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Warrior Writers

Prior to the ceremony, MHC will host five Warrior Writers Workshops around the state to help Veterans become more comfortable telling their stories. Workshops are free and open to all interested Veterans, and while it's not mandatory to attend a workshop to submit to the Award, we encourage it.

Sharing personal experiences can spark dialogue, actualize healing, deepen understanding, and change perceptions. Story submissions for the awards will focus on one (or more) of the eight topics that frame the Veterans' Voices program: Combat & Non-Combat, Duty, Family, Motivation, Perceptions, Reintegration, Service, and Transformation.



This workshop is for any service member or Veteran, regardless of experiences with writing, combat, art, deployment, etc.

- Duluth** April 14
- Minneapolis** May 16
- St. Cloud** June 8
- Granite Falls** June 27
- Winona** July 13



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mnhum.org/vets



Process:

An independent panel will review submitted writings and make award recommendations to MHC. We will honor up to ten Veteran writers (and their pieces) at the Veterans' Voices Award Ceremony.

A note about written pieces submitted for consideration: Ownership of the material will stay solely with the author. Selected awardees will share excerpts of their stories at the Award. Additional opportunities may arise for MHC to amplify and celebrate Awardee stories beyond the ceremony. MHC will not use or share any submissions without explicit permission from the writer.

Criteria:

We will accept submissions from any former service member currently living in Minnesota.

An independent panel will review submissions based on alignment with MHC mission, core values, and eight themes of the Veterans' Voices program: Combat & Non-Combat, Duty, Family, Motivation, Perceptions, Reintegration, Service, and Transformation. The panel will also consider the overall diversity of the pieces (poetry, prose, etc.) and the awardee pool across geographic location, demographics, and lived experiences.

Note: MHC cannot provide editing/proofreading support.

Questions?

If you have questions or would like to submit in another way than those detailed at right, contact:

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To Submit:

Ready to submit? Regardless of format, all submissions must include:

1. Name
2. Current Address
3. Phone and Email
4. Branch of Service, Dates of Service
5. Bio (no more than 200 words)
6. Portrait Photograph (if you have one)
7. Written material/piece
8. Optional info: Race/Gender

Send us your written piece and responses to the questions above by one of the following methods:

- **Online Form:** Submit at mnhum.org/award
- **Email:** Send your submission (Word doc) to submissions@mnhum.org
- **Postal Mail:** Mail a copy of your materials postmarked by the deadline to:

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c/o Veterans' Voices Award
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