Submission Guidelines for Veterans’ Voices

Any military veteran or active service person may submit original writing or artwork for publication consideration by the editors. Material previously published in a VAMC publication is ACCEPTABLE; copyrighted material is NOT ACCEPTABLE for the magazine. Once work has been submitted, please do not resubmit the same story or poem. Instead, wait and watch for the material to appear in the magazine, on the VVWP web site, and/or on Facebook. Be patient and remember that editors work up to six months in advance of the magazine publication date.

Instructions for Writing Submissions

- Manuscripts should be typed in Helvetica or Times font using upper and lower case letters, DOUBLE LINE spacing and flush left margins. Do NOT submit handwritten manuscripts.
- Writers may send up to three poems at one time, each no longer than 24 lines with 60 character width. Stories can be up to 10 typed pages in length and writers may send up to five stories at a time. Artists may submit up to 10 original pen and ink drawings (no photocopies, please!) or photographs at one time.
- Mail two copies of each manuscript, or submit your material online to VVWP headquarters.
- When submitting online, fill in the required personal information field and then type in the prose or poem. When submitting by mail, include the information to the right, typed on an 8.5 x 11” sheet of paper followed by the text of the prose or poem.

Guidelines for Local Contests

Writing contests can encourage others to write. Announce such contests through VA Medical Center publications and bulletin boards. Prizes might be cash, books, gift certificates, or publication in a hospital newsletter. Send award-winning stories, poems or artwork to VVWP for possible publication in Veterans’ Voices.

Magazine Subscriptions

Cost for an annual subscription (three issues) is $35. Veterans participating in the writing project, as well as educational institutions and libraries, qualify for special magazine rates as follows: $10 per issue or $25 per year. VA medical centers, writing aides and other volunteers who assist veterans with their writing receive complimentary copies of Veterans’ Voices. Veterans, whose work appears in the current issue of the magazine, also receive one complimentary copy of the issue.

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