Music in the Military
Music can be a powerful influence in shaping memory. Think back to your military experience and consider the songs you remember from when you were in the service. Recall the songs that were playing on the radio at that time, or songs that you might have heard performed or sung among fellow soldiers during your service. Are there any "musical moments" that stand out to you? If so, start an essay by recalling the song/music you remember, and then let your memory of the music carry you forward into a recollection of what you were doing, who you were with, how you were feeling, and what else was going on at that moment in time for you.

Family History with the Military
Many group members have mentioned, at various points, a connection to family members (whether living or not) who have served in the military (whether they were drafted or enlisted or were officers). Write about how your family members’ relationships with the military affected your relationship—or not-- with the military. How were you influenced by a family member’s (or members’) impressions, experiences, or stories about the military? How has your service affected your family members?

Continuing Other Assignments and Develop them Further:
Six Word Memoir (continued) Take your six word memoir (assignment from February 2012) and use it to develop a scene or a narrative that more fully explores the implications of the six words. Perhaps the six-word memoir can become the opening line in your scene or narrative or the concluding line.