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Writing Group prompts:

Both of these prompts are about “rituals”—actions repeated in regular and predictable ways for a community’s purpose, but also about how rituals can take on different turns and meanings.

1) This prompt is inspired by Bob’s piece last month on undergoing inspections:

Write about a specific ritual of military life. Describe the ritual as you would undergo it routinely or habitually or describe a time when that ritual took on new meaning or significance.

2) The song “There’s no place like home for the holidays” is one that is often sung this time of year. Write about a time when you could not be “home for the holidays” because of a deployment. You can describe how the particular rituals of the holiday were played out or perhaps even write about how new rituals were improvised that better fit your current time and place.