Suggested Writing Assignments

Timing is Everything
I’m sure you’ve heard the expression “timing is everything.” Given that adage, write a piece about being in the wrong place at the wrong time or, conversely, about being in the right place at the right time. What happened in this situation? What was opportune about the timing in this situation and what was less than opportune?

Basic Training (inspired by Dawson Brown’s story)
Write about your basic training/boot camp experience. Who did you meet at boot camp? What was memorable? What was awful? What stands out from the experience?

Equipment
Write about the day you surrendered your military equipment as you were leaving the service. What did you have to give up? What did you want to keep? What did you miss or do you still miss that you had to give up?

Debriefing Veterans’ Day
Write a position piece about Veterans’ Day: From your perspective, what function/purpose should Veterans’ Day serve? How well does it meet that function/purpose?

and/or: Write about how others regarded you on Veterans’ Day? What kind of feedback did you receive or not receive? How did you feel about it?