

# **New Poetry by Peter Newall: “Deserters”**

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# **New Poetry by Deborah J. Hunter: “March 2003”**

New Poem by Deborah Hunter: March 2003

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# **New Poem by Darren C. Demaree: “Emily as There is a Prison”**

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# **Poetry by Amalie Flynn:**

# **“Ours”**

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# **New Poetry by D.R. James: “Stunned”**

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# **New Poetry by Jess Avelino Flores:**

New Poem by Jess Avelino Flores: “This Year”

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# **New Poetry by Jason Green: “Winter Haiku,” “Spring Haiku”**

New poems by Jason Green: Winter Haiku and Spring Haiku

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## **New Poetry by Wayne Karlin: “What Binds Us”**

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## **New Poetry by Kyle Hanton: “Deployment, 2017”**

New poem by Kyle Hanton

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## **New Poems by Rachel Rix: “Experimental Simulation of Joint Morphology During Desiccation;” “Second Deployment;” and “CO’s Canon”**

New poetry by Rachel Rix

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## **New Poem by Nathan Didier: “Hearts and Minds”**

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## **New Poetry by Elisabeth Lewis Corley: “An Loc”**

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## **New Poetry by Patricia Hastings: “Dad”**

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## **New Poetry by Faye Susan: “I**

# **am the Daughter of a Storyteller”**

New Poetry by Faye Susan: “I am the Daughter of a Storyteller”

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# **New Poetry by Celeste Schueler: “In Oklahoma, Another Air Force Spouse Tells Me Starlings Are An Invasive Species” and “I First Compared You To A Blue Jay”**

Three years before we met,  
Friends tell me to stop reading  
Virginia Woolf after my suicide  
Attempt and an ex-boyfriend  
Gifts me a burned CD of  
The Beatles at Easter—

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# **New Poetry from Galen Cunningham: “Winter of Discontent” and “War Games”**

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# **New Poetry by Sara Shea: “Customs”**

New poem by Sara Shea: “Customs”

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# **New Poetry by Benjamin Bellet: “What Was It Like?”; “Zero Five Thirty”; “West Point”**

New poems by Benjamin Bellet

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# **New Poetry by Loretta Tobin: “In the Dead Man’s Seabag” and “River City”**

A blue ribbon marked  
First Thessalonians,  
where he had underlined—  
Be joyful always;

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# **New Poem by John Thampi: “Ad Memoriam”**

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# **New Poetry by Ben White: “Cold” and “Cold II”**

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# **New Poetry by Layle Chambers: “Becoming a Lighthouse #1;” “You Find Wonders;” “Pilot Air”**

cold laps the shore  
no choice but to step in  
stride out, stake my place  
transmute into tower

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# **New Poetry by Kathleen Murdough: “He Signed Up”**

“This is what he signed up for,”  
my mother says when  
my brother graduates from West Point.  
He always wanted to be a soldier,  
so she and I pin the bars on his shoulders.

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# **New Poetry by Devin Mikles: “Telegram to Mrs. Sargent”**

BLUE POWDER SMOKE / *image by*  
*Amalie Flynn*

ONLY MUDDY BOOTS AND HELMETS CAKED RUSTING  
ROTTING IN STEAMING GREENHOUSES STICK UP  
FROM DECAYED REMAINS CAUSED BY DETESTABLE  
HUMAN ANGER VENT BY WORLD POLITICAL  
COMPANY FOUNDED ON INORDINATE DESIRE. STOP.  
BLUE POWDER SMOKE SIFTS THROUGH THIN LIGHT  
RAYS AMONG MANY OTHERS YOUR SON ARRIVED HERE  
TODAY SHORTLY AFTER MORTAR FIRE  
STOPPED ON PHENOM PHENH. STOP.  
GOD

Devin Alaric Mikles  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 1976

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## **New Poetry by Aramis Calderon: "Loyal"**

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## **New Poetry by Carol Alexander: "Late of Somewhere"**

# **in the East”**

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# **New Poetry by Rachel Landrum Crumble: “Against Urgent Brilliance”**

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# **New Poetry by Douglas G. Campbell: “The President’s New Children’s Crusade”**

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# **New Poetry by Sylvia Baedorf Kassis: “Detritus”**

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# New Poetry by Richard Epstein: “The Dance”

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# New Poetry by Ellie J. Anderson: “Impact, 1984”

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# New Poetry by Peter Mladinic: “Fist”



AIR THICKER THAN / *image by Amalie Flynn*

In Okinawa I made a fist  
and my fingers stuck together  
that stop over night  
my one stop before Danang,  
between two worlds,  
the flag burning, tear-gas  
U.S. and the Vietnam rat-tat-tat

automatic fire, the LBJ  
How many kids ... and the sandbag  
fortified bunkers. Didn't  
see anyone die, only the dead.  
In Okinawa, planes  
on the runway, the air thicker  
than Danang's.  
The smell of napalm,  
how real for some.  
I stood holding a metal tray  
in a chow line, slept  
in a top bunk, spit-shined boots  
so their tips were mirrors.

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## **New Poetry by David Burr: "Harvest"**

Hurl of metal – iron, steel – as shrapnel,  
as bail hail, as HE detonation, all  
forged and spit out again with new fire,  
matériel barrea, meat-mincer for

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## **New Poetry by Jayant Kashyap: "The War"**

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# **New Poetry by Phillip Sitter: “Krakivets, Odyn” and “Elemental”**

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# **New Poetry by Shawn McCann: “All I Can Do Is Watch” and “No Way To Fight Back”**

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# **New Poetry by Kathleen Hellen: “People Boats” and “Pretending There Is A Garden**

# **In The Spring, Paradise In Time”**

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# **New Poetry by Cheney Crow: “The Grey Phone”**

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# **New Poetry by Joshua Folmar: “Sudoku”**

New Poem by Joshua Folmar: Sudoku

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# **New Poetry by Lawrence Bridges: “Time of War and**

# **Exile” and “Taking an Island”**

New poems by Lawrence Bridge: “Time of War and Exile” and “Taking an Island”

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# **New Poetry by Marty Krasney: “Where We Are Now”**

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# **New Poetry by Matthew Hummer: “Amortization”**

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# **New Poetry by Linnea George: “Course Correction”**

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# **New Poetry by Almyr Bump: “Plowing Water”**

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# **New Poetry by J.S. Alexander: “Sabat”**

New Poem by J.S. Alexander: “Sabat (Loyalty)”

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# **New Poetry by D.R. James: “Surreal Expulsion”**

New poem by DR James: Surreal Expulsion

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# **New Poetry by Paweł Grajner:**

# **“Michigan”**

New poem by Paweł Grajner: Michigan

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## **New Poetry by Ben White: “Cleaning the M60 – 39 Years and January 26, 1984”**

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