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## The Politics of Poetry: Life after Vietnam

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W. D. Ehrhart is a veteran of the Vietnam War (U.S. Marines, 1967-68 tour) who has, since his Honorable Discharge, become a spokesperson for many of his fellow veterans and for his generation through poetry and prose. Ehrhart's presentation will include examples of his poetry over the past seventeen years and a discussion of the role of the poet in contemporary society.

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### *Hunting*

Sighting down the long black barrel,  
I wait till front and rear sights  
form a perfect line on his body,  
then slowly squeeze the trigger.

The thought occurs  
that I have never hunted anything in my whole life  
except other men.

But I have learned by now  
where such thoughts lead,  
and soon pass on  
to chow, and sleep,  
and how much longer till I change my socks.

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