The deadliest war imaginable ended in 1945. That was two years before I came into the world, but now in my 71st year, WWII seems to loom even larger in my consciousness. This is especially so every November when poppies are still worn by millions of us. 2017 has focused more attention on both world wars as well as lesser regional conflicts in far away places like Korea and Vietnam.

It was 100 years ago that more than 3500 Canadian soldiers died at Vimy Ridge in northern France. This year we also marked the 75th anniversary of Dieppe, Canada’s bloodiest single day in WWII.

I was blessed to have a father who served his country with distinction in Europe, and having the great good fortune to do so without ever being shot at. Unlike others of his generation who had experiences that were simply too horrible for most of us to even imagine, Andy Currie talked a lot about his years wearing the uniform of Canada. In the late 1930’s, he had the good sense and foresight to take officer training, thereby ensuring a wartime experience that was different from many others. He had a ‘batman’ and spent lots of time in the officers’ mess. At war’s end, Dad came home with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

Harry McFee is holding the second of two books he self-published on World War Two.

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forces. Several of them no doubt experienced what we now call PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). They came home in 1945, and for the most part, they put their war years in the closet. For the most part, they put their war years in the closet somewhere and closed the door. Time to 'suck it up' and get on with life. They truly were the Greatest Generation in so many ways.

I want to say a few words in particular about Herb Belyea who taught music when I was at Kelvin. He was also a composer, a director of several outstanding choirs, and a personal teacher of several of Winnipeg’s most outstanding singers over the years. What I did not realize until I read his obituary following his death in 2001 was that Herb Belyea had put his life on the line as a captain in the Royal Canadian Artillery on June 6, 1944 on Juno Beach. He received several decorations including the Military Medal which he received from King George VI. He died in 1990.

Some final words if I may about a name you’ll find in Harry’s second book, Sargent Tommy Prince who died 40 years ago at the age of 62. Born and raised on what is now the Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation near Scanterbury Manitoba, Tommy’s proud heritage can be traced back to his great great grandfather, the legendary Chief Peguis who helped the Selkirks settle their first rugged winters in Manitoba before 1820.

Sargent Prince after the war, and in 1950 he was back in uniform, joining the legendary Second Battalion of the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry which fought in Korea. That service included the fierce Battle of Kapyong in April of 1951. Tommy’s later years were once again difficult, as he no doubt suffered from PTSD and battled problems with alcohol.

As I read his obit in the newspaper that day, I got somewhat emotional, and felt a pang of regret that I never had the chance to thank you for your service Mr. Belyea, and we’re sorry for being such unruly brats in music class. Later, when I read in the obituary that he had put his life on the line as a captain in the Royal Canadian Artillery on June 6, 1944 on Juno Beach, I recalled that Herb was a slight man who seldom raised his voice, hardly the image of a man one would think of putting himself in harm’s way to such an extraordinary degree. As I read his obit, I thought of the day that day, I got somewhat emotional, and felt a pang of regret that I never said “Thank you for your service Mr. Belyea, and we’re sorry for being such unruly brats in music class”. Many other Manitoba men, no doubt some of them also teachers, did not survive the events of 1944. The bravery of those men and those who followed them at Normandy and elsewhere in Europe. Others are buried in places like Hong Kong where the enemy was Japan.

None of these men were conscripted into military service. There was no draft in Canada. Men like my father and Herb Belyea joined up because it had to be done. It wasn’t just the right thing to do, it was the only thing to do. They enabled Canada to punch way above our weight when it came to fighting the war that was oh so necessary.

A couple of pages you’ll see in Harry McFee’s latest book.

Sargent Prince joined the Canadian Army in 1940 at the age of 24, and was originally a sapper with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Tommy later trained as a paratrooper and served with the First Canadian Special Service Battalion. Their exploits in Italy in 1943 were dramatized by Hollywood in the movie The Devils Brigade, released in 1968. There were other dramatic stories involving Tommy Prince in France that were probably also deserving of a movie.

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My wife Janice and I enjoy swimming at North Centennial Pool in Winnipeg. When the city finally gets around to putting up the signage, probably next spring, it will be re-named in memory of Tommy Prince. What a shame they could not have managed it in time for Remembrance Day.

Roger Currie is news director of CJNU radio in Winnipeg.

In 2003, he was awarded the Queen’s Jubilee Medal in recognition of his writing about Canada’s military veterans.

His father, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Currie, received the Order of the British Empire from King George VI. He died in 1990.
Estate planning for blended families

Estate planning for blended families in common-law jurisdictions brings any scenarios and can be complex. Challenging situations can be avoided by first considering everyone’s interest in the structure of your plan.

A blended family is where some or all of the children are not the natural or adopted children of both spouses or common-law partners. However, the fact that blended families are becoming common-place in society does not mean that the estate-planning process is straightforward for them. Determining how an estate should be structured is more complicated since there are competing interests between the new spouse and any children from a previous relationship. Many blended families do not structure their estate plan properly, with the result in many cases being that one branch of the family receives the entire estate, with the other branch of the family receiving little or nothing.

How can this happen? The main reason is because many individuals don’t customize their estate plan properly and attempt to make things “simple” by placing all their assets in joint ownership with their spouse with a right of survivorship, or designating their spouse as the direct beneficiary of their Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF), Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) and insurance. The other problem is the use of “standard” wills, which usually indicate that upon the death of the first spouse, everything is to go to the survivor.

Let’s look at a case study. In our scenario, Pierre and Melissa are married, each having children from a previous relationship. They hold their home and non-registered investments in joint names, and have designated each other as the direct beneficiaries of their insurance policies, TFSAs and RRSPs. Here are a few of the possible outcomes:

1. A blended family is where some or all of the children are not the natural or adopted children of both spouses or common-law partners.
2. A standard will may not be appropriate if you want to ensure that children of both spouses receive part of the combined estates.
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1. If Pierre dies first, then Melissa will inherit everything, regardless of the terms of Pierre’s will, since nothing went through his estate. Even if Melissa has a will that indicates that everything is to be divided among her “children” or “issue,” Pierre’s children will still be disinherited, since those terms would be interpreted to include only natural or adopted children, not step-children. If both Pierre and Melissa’s children are to be included in the division of the combined estate upon the death of the surviving spouse, then they need to be listed by name in the will.
2. If Melissa remarries, her previous will is still binding. One of the most common methods is when individuals decide to do “probate planning” by placing all their assets in joint ownership, or by designating their spouse as the direct beneficiary of their registered investments and insurance policies. So, for example, Melissa could remarry and then structure her affairs so that her new spouse receives everything outside of her estate, effectively leaving nothing in her estate to give to Pierre’s children.

From the above, it is evident that the spouse who dies first will not have any control over whether or not their children will receive any part of their estate if they leave everything directly to the survivor. In many cases, the surviving spouse does not choose to disinherit their step-children, but it has still happened inadvertently. If you want to ensure that the children of both spouses will receive part of the combined estates, it may not be appropriate to use standard wills. Here are a few options:

(i) Spouse or common-law partner trusts
One strategy that individuals in blended families may want to consider is a spouse or common-law partner trust. If a spouse trust is used, then upon the death of the second spouse, the capital in the trust will be distributed according to the will of the spouse who died first, not according to the will of the survivor. This is because the assets never become the property of the surviving spouse – the assets are the property of the spouse trust, and therefore can be distributed to the respective

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children of the first spouse after the separation or divorce and any second spouse remarries, and even if he or she changes his or her will. However, if the trust is not drafted in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, there could be a tax liability to the surviving spouse. Dividing the assets between the first spouse, which is why it is crucial that you speak to an experienced estate lawyer if you choose to go this route.

Another way in which the strategy may fail is if all aspects of the estate plan do not work in concert. For example, if you do not draft your will in accordance with your affairs so that none, or very few of your assets will pass through your estate, then your planning will be ineffective. Many couples often hold title to their assets in joint names so that they will pass to the survivor automatically. If the assets pass directly to the surviving spouse, then they may encroach upon the capital of the children. Since the children will only be able to access these funds when they are 18 years of age or older, it may encroach upon their inheritance at the time of their parents’ death.

(ii) Dividing the assets between the spouse and children

However, there are many instances where using a spouse trust may not be recommended or practical. Consider the following:

- If the new spouse is close in age to the children of your previous relationship, it is possible that the children will not receive any part of your estate and will be cut out for the remainder of their lives. Since the children will only be entitled to receive the trust capital upon the death of the surviving spouse.

- If you feel that your surviving spouse and children will not be able to co-operate after the death of your spouse, a trust may be a way to protect your children’s inheritance. If your spouse and children are not likely to agree on the division of the assets, a trust may prevent disputes and potentially, litigation.

If the spouse trust mechanism is not feasible for any of the above reasons, then there may be alternatives. One option that may be beneficial for blended families is to draft a trust directly to their spouse, and leave different assets directly to their children. However, this is sometimes more difficult to do than people realize, primarily due to the fact that a surviving spouse may have rights under various provincial statutes, including the ability to make an application for dependent’s relief claims (wills variation, if you live in British Columbia) or an application for a division or equalization of family property. In fact, it is relatively diffi-
cult to disinherit a spouse, which is why it is important that your will is properly structured, and to the extent possible, your spouse should waive any rights they may have to challenge the distribution of your estate. This type of planning may not be able to be undertaken without the assistance of a lawyer who has extensive estate planning experience.

One other complication that needs to be considered when assets are left to persons other than the surviving spouse is the tax liability that can arise from that decision. For example, when assets are left to surviving spouses, they will “roll over” for tax purposes. However, if an asset is left to children from a previous relationship, that could trigger deemed dispositions, which could result in a loss of gain. In addition, registered investments left to children will usually use the donor’s cost to determine capital gains, which is not in very limited circumstances. A tax professional can help you determine the most tax effective method for distributing your assets.

In many cases, the items which are of most importance to children from previous relationships are family mementos and heirlooms. You should not assume that your children will be happy receiving just money from the estate. Sentimental items are often the items that cause the most strife among family members, so you should ask your children if there are any items that they may particularly want or need. In order to prevent any resentment against the surviving spouse. When items such as photographs, china, jewellery and art are given to a new spouse as opposed to giving them directly to children from the previous relationship, this can lead to disappointment, which may create family tension, arguments, and potentially, litigation. If there are some items that you want your children to have sooner rather than later (for example, personal items from a deceased parent), you should consider giving them to your children before you die, or specifically leaving them to your children in your will.

(iii) Using life insurance to satisfy beneficiary needs

For individuals who do not have sufficient assets to leave to their spouse to satisfy any potential family mementos or heirlooms, there may still be an available solution. Individuals who do not have sufficient assets to leave to their spouse, and instead purchase a life insurance policy for your children. This will help to ensure that each party will receive the desired amount, and will be free to use their inheritance as they see fit. This is usually the most simple and practical solution, and the option most frequently recommended. However, caution should be exercised when using this strategy where you have young children. If your children are minors, or even very young adults, it may not be a good idea to name them as the direct beneficiaries of an insurance policy. This is because the provincial government may have the authority to manage the funds until they reach the age of majority, resulting in an unnecessary and expensive guardianship. Then the children will be entitled to the funds when they are potentially still too young to manage them. If your children are young, consider directing the insurance proceeds to an insurance trust, so that a trusted family member can manage the funds and distribute them to your children at a period of time, when the children are mature enough to use the funds appropriately.

One other limitation to this strategy is the fact that as you get older, you run a higher risk of becoming uninsurable, at least at a reasonable price. Review your insurance needs with an insurance professional soon rather than later, since you cannot be guaranteed that assets be held jointly, or that spouses be named as direct beneficiaries on registered assets (such as RRSPs, RRIFs or TFSAs) or insurance policies.
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The Manitoba Council on Aging acknowledged the hard work of seniors across the province with recognition awards on October 20th.

“Seniors and others from across the province are working to strengthen their communities and make life better for all residents,” said Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen. “These awards recognize their contributions and thank them for taking the time to make their communities better places to live.”

The Manitoba Council on Aging is an advisory body to government that strives to ensure seniors’ perspectives are shared with government. The Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards were created to recognize the many seniors who are community leaders and to celebrate their contributions. Awards were presented in a ceremony at the Legislative Building.

George Fleury of Minnedosa was the recipient of the prestigious Murray and Murriel Smith Award. Fleury is a lifelong advocate for Métis people, working for positive change in the development of Métis education after overcoming race-related adversity.

In addition, recognition awards in the 65+ category were presented to:

- Lionel Guerard (Winnipeg) for volunteering with several organizations including the Air Cadet Corps, Toastmasters International, the Transportation Options Network for Seniors, board member for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Canadian Condominium Institute, Royal Canadian Legion and the Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians.

- Mian Hameed (Winnipeg) as the founder and president of the Manitoba Muslims Seniors Association. He is recognized for his work and his contributions including the development of a new housing project in south Winnipeg.

- June Letkeman (Plum Coulee) for her work with several organizations in her community including the local chamber of commerce, the Plum Fest committee, Prairieview Elevator Museum committee and the Plum Coulee Community Foundation board of directors.

- Guy Lévesque (Stre. Anne) for his volunteer work in the areas of health, sports, education, heritage, financial services, public affairs, humanitarianism, culture, literacy, faith and charity.

- Majorsie Macleer (Lac du Bonnet) for volunteering with projects related to housing, meal programs and seniors transportation.

- Connie Newman (Winnipeg) for volunteering with the University of Manitoba’s Centre on Aging, the Transportation Options Network for Seniors, board member for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Canadian Condominium Institute, Royal Canadian Legion and the Manitoba Association of Parliamentarians.

- Corrine Nesbitt (Elkhorn) for volunteer work with the Seniors Access to Independent Living, the Elkhor Manor Health Auxiliary and the Elkhor Manor Agricultural Society.

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Submitted by Peter Grogan of Winnipeg (formerly of Teulon, MB)

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Collier, Asham, Fortin Lead 10 Inductees into Baseball Hall of Fame

Winnipeg Goldeyes general manager Andrew Collier has been at the helm of the local pro baseball team for three American Association Championships. Troy Fortin, from Lundar, played in the Minnesota Twins organization and then put together three of the best seasons in Goldeyes history. Faron Asham, from Brandon, just led Team Manitoba to the silver medal at the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

While all three have done much, much more in their careers, those accomplishments alone should get them into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

Of course, it has. Collier, Fortin and Asham will lead a class of seven players, managers and coaches, three teams and two special category inductees into the Hall. The Class of 2018 will officially be inducted on June 2, at the annual dinner and celebration at the Morden Event Access Centre.

The list of individual inductees includes Asham, Collier and Fortin along with players Doug Freeth from 1974-79 Warren Seniors. In the Small Community Team category it’s the 1999-2008 Morden Mohawks and in the major team category, it’s the 1971-74 Carman Goldeyes Juniors. Let’s meet the 2018 Inductees (thanks to Baseball Manitoba):

Faron Asham (1969—) Brandon
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Troy was drafted as a catcher in 1993 by the Minnesota Twins and rose through the Twins minor league system from the Rookie classification to AA from 1993-98. He asked for his release from the Twins to sign with the Winnipeg Goldeyes in '98. His offensive and defensive talents were on full display for local fans to admire until retirement in 2000. Troy batted .332 with a .940 OPS while committing only 5 errors in almost three full seasons as a Goldeye. In 1999 Troy also played for Team Canada in the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg winning a Bronze Medal.

Doug Freeth (1954--) Winnipeg

Doug Freeth was a hard throwing strikeout starting pitcher who dominated the Manitoba Junior Baseball League from 1969-72 with the St. Boniface Legionnaires Juniors. Pitching for Manitoba in 1973 at the Canada Summer Games in Burnaby BC he threw 15 innings of shutout ball including a nine inning 1-0 victory against New Brunswick. He pitched professionally in the Rookie League for the Edmonton Trappers in 1974.

Jason Mateychuk (1971--)

Dominion City

Jason has posted an extensive resume as a player, coach, and builder for the great sport of baseball in Manitoba. He had an outstanding junior career from 1987-92 with the Elmwood Giants and excelled as a pitcher, first baseman, and power hitter. Jason had a four-year career at Mayville State and was All-conference in 1993. His still active coaching career involves success at all levels from Grass Roots & High Performance to Junior, Senior, and Provincial teams.

Terry Mayert (1957--) Reston

Terry spent most of his career with the Reston Rockets where he won league top pitcher and MVP awards along with 13 all-star selections as an outfielder or pitcher from 1979-98. He made numerous appearances at PROvincials with South West teams and attended three Western Canadians including a 1983 championship.

Trevor Proctor (1969--)

Woodlands

Trevor was an outstanding player at all levels from the 1986 Midget Western and Canadian championships to nine Senior Western and Canadian Nationals while winning three silver and one gold. As an 18-year-old pickup, he hit .571 at the 1988 Senior Western Canadians in Kamloops, BC. He had a lengthy and successful career in the Redboine Senior League and with the Stonewall Blue Jays of the WSBL.
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St George’s Anglican (Transcona) - Annual Christmas Bazaar, Craft & Bake Sale (with lunch bar), Sat. Nov. 25, 10 am–2 pm at the Transcona Memorial United Church, 209 Yale Ave. W. on behalf of St. George’s Anglican Church, 531 Parliament Ave. W. 204-222-1942.
http://www.stgeoe321@gmail.com

St. Andrew’s United Church - Christmas Luncheon, Craft & Bake Sale, Sat. Nov. 26, 10 am–7 pm, at 472 Kirkfield St. Sandwiches, salads, dinner. Tickets $10 at door.

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The Scandinavian Cultural Centre • 204-774-8104


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MUSIC

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Yesterday I was walking outside the art room when I looked to the trees. I noticed that one was labelled “Common Oak” (Quercus Rubra). I began to examine its bark, the patterns, shapes, ruts, holes made by insects, birds and mammals. The branches were still hanging onto their leaves although it was November. There were no accents to be seen on the ground as they would have already been taken by birds or squirrels.

I looked up in the branches and thought about the piece I was reading the night before. Unfortunately, I was not able to see an angel but I was indignant that the tree had been labelled “common”. I struck its trunk and said “Take no notice of me. I have an angel in their branches somewhere.”

As I walked away from the tree, I felt that an angel called me to go for a walk and remember that I am wonderful myself. (AH)

I walk in nature and remember to be my wonderful self!

SEA
By Bertha Fontaine (BF)

An intelligent man sees the differences, but a wise man sees the similarities. (A Cree elder)

During a training session I attended in the 1980’s, an elder spoke these words of encouragement to the attendees. I have often used this saying over the years, at home and in my work. An example of this is a fun from my home community who was labeled as hard to teach and able to learn. The nuns placed Rusty in a “dummy” class in residential school because of his difficulties with math and most subjects. He couldn’t keep up with the other students. He left school in frustration at an early age and no one tried to stop him, nor even his family members.

Years later, I was visiting my parents when I came across Rusty, fixing cars two houses away. Although I didn’t speak to him directly, my father proceeded to tell me that Rusty was a genius when it came to cars. Dad said that Rusty could take a car apart and put it back together in less than forty-five minutes. Most people who owned cars in my old neighbourhood, sought Rusty’s help to repair their vehicles.

His neighbours chose to see Rusty as the genius and talented man that he had become. The elder’s words reminded me of the true wisdom of seeing other’s gifts rather than their limitations. (BF)

Wisdom comes in many forms.
I keep my eyes open to see the genius in others.

Bertha Fontaine (BF) is a manager and counsellor at an addiction treatment centre in Winnipeg, Canada. She attended a Transformative Writing® program at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) and other writing classes led by Joanne Klassen. This helped Bertha realize the healing power of writing. Bertha loves being with family, especially her two sons, daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren. She believes and practices the Ojibway and Cree traditions.

The Village Green Morris Men

Submitted by Jim Palmquist

I am part of a group of men dancers called The Village Green Morris Men. We practice at Crescent Ft Rouge United Church for free. But each year we have what we call our BIG SHOW after which we give all the monies raised, other than expenses, to the church in lieu of rent.

Morris dancing is a form of English folk dance originating most plentifully in the southern part of England, although this year we will be featuring Morris dances from all over the British Isles.

We started in 1974 for the Winnipeg Centennial celebrations. 2 of our dancers are still dancing with us and will be dancing at the show. One of these 2 men actually comes from Quadra Island in BC to be in the show.

We have 12 dancers and 2 musicians, 7 dancers are over 70 years in age, 4 are between 55 - 70 and one spring chicken at 35 (who just joined us two months ago).

We dance for the enjoyment mostly but we do gigs at nursing homes, schools, club events, coffee houses and several festivals around Manitoba. Call 204-775-1939 for info.

The Village Green Morris Men's BIG SHOW

Sat. Nov. 18, 7:30

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Metric  
425 g can salmon, drained  
227 g cream cheese  
10 ml lemon juice  
15 ml onion, finely chopped  
1 ml tabasco sauce  
1 ml worcestershire sauce  
1 ml salt  
30 ml parsley, chopped  
125 ml nuts, chopped

Imperial  
15 oz  
8 oz  
1 tbsp  
1 tbsp  
1/4 tsp  
1/4 tsp  
1/2 tsp  
1/2 cup

In a large bowl, combine salmon, cream cheese, horseradish, lemon juice, onion, salt, worcestershire sauce. Chill for several hours. Shape into a ball and roll in nuts and parsley. Chill until ready to use.

Serves 8

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It's Only A Bad Date
If Someone Dies

By William J. Thomas

Have you ever told a lie to a little white lie to get out of a date? Ever faked a headache or pretended to cough into the phone while canceling a date? Ever lied about your age or your occupation? Ever faked your own death? Nobody's perfect, but are you ever a bad date? No? Meet Anna Gray.

According to The Mirror in Britain, 29-year-old Anna Gray of Somerset met a guy online and dated him a few times. After three dates and a dinner, Anna knew it was over. So she picked up her dates and a dinner, Anna Gray must have contemplated killing herself. So - ah - what the hell she did.

After an appropriate minute of silence, Anna’s sister sent her the guy the deuce grace: “I am really sorry to tell you but we lost her last night.”

“Great,” said the guy. “I’ll switch the flowers for white funeral lilies and be right up! Okay that one I made up but the rest is absolutely true.”
The death note ended the relationship. Nobody knows if the guy - “Wow! Liverpool rivet, Everton night!” actually took the limit or was so upset by the death of his Anna that his grief muted his response.

A few months later, Anna Gray was back and dating on the original website when the jilted man spotted her. He had not even wondered, back from the dead?

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