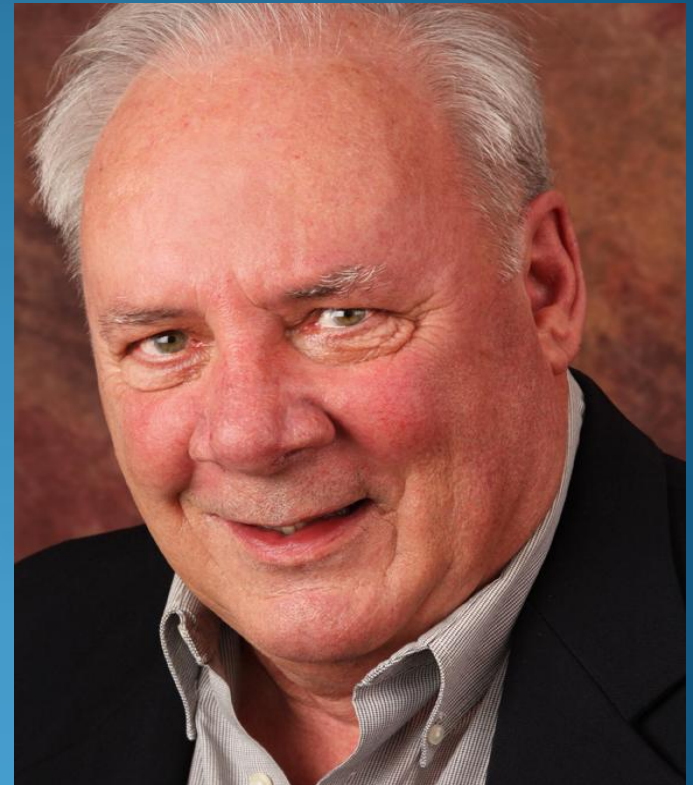


Memoir Writing and your PC

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Bob Larocque

- Born & raised in Ottawa/Hull
- Joined RCAF in 1958
- Came out of the closet in 1971
- Wrote & Edited many military publications
- Had opinion pieces published in newspapers
- Author of “Bob Save the Queen”

What is a Memoir?

- Not a history
- Not an autobiography

It is simply a story written down

Why Write a Memoir?

- It is your legacy
- It is therapeutic
- It gets your side of the story out
- It is something you do for yourself

Tools

- Computer + Printer = Publisher
- A copy of “Strunk and White”
- A box of Kleenex and a notebook

Where Do I Get Ideas?

- Old photos
- Cherished item of clothing
- Recipes
- Special song
- Old letters
- Observe people
- Ask questions

Get Opinions of Others

The strongest drive
is not Love or Hate.

It is one person's need to
~~change~~ another's copy.

Modify

~~Correct~~ ~~Amend~~
~~ALTER~~
~~FIX~~



~~chop to
pieces~~

~~EDIT~~

~~improve~~

What Do I Do With It?

- Throw it in a drawer
- Put it on a memory stick
- Make a Chapbook
- Submit to publisher
- Self-Publish
- Submit an e-Book

Garbage in Garbage Out

A good editor



A good editor is one who has never made a mistake; who never has offended anyone; who is always right; who can ride two horses at the same time he is straddling a fence with both ears to the ground; who always says the right thing at the right time; who always picks the right horse as well as the right politician to win; who never has to apologize; who has no enemies; and who has worlds of prestige with all classes, creeds and races.

There has never been a good editor.

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