

Brad Quinlin's Biography



Brad Quinlin was born in Monmouth, Illinois and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana at age six. At 13 years of age, he moved to Massachusetts and in 1982 he moved with his family to Georgia. Quinlin has always loved the study of American History. After moving to Georgia, he took the path to study the American Civil War.

Quinlin's career begins as he reenacted for 33 years, and worked on 32 movies and TV shows. Quinlin was once a background artist in *Glory*, *Gettysburg*, *Andersonville*, and an actor in the TV show *Perfect Tribute*. On the TV show *Who Do You Think You Are*, he showed actor Matthew Broderick the last three days of Broderick's great-great-grandfather's life. His great-great-grandfather, Robert Martindale, of the 20th Connecticut infantry was killed July 23, 1864 near Atlanta. Quinlin guided Broderick to where Martindale is buried in the Marietta National Cemetery. In addition, Quinlin was the research advisor on three other *Who Do You Think You Are* episodes. Quinlin also worked as a researcher and advisor for the three-time award-winning Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield film, *One Last Mountain*, the TV documentary *The Untold Story of the Civil War*, and the National Geographic show *Diggers*.

With over 10,000 hours of Volunteer work, Quinlin can be considered a master volunteer for the National Park Service. His

research is being used in the new exhibits for the new Cyclorama building at the Atlanta History Center and two new wayside exhibits for Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park.

Quinlin's skill sets do not stop there! As a successful author, he has written or co-written 24 American Civil War books. By the end of 2021, Quinlin and two of his friends completed five historical books for the Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center. Quinlin's work is proudly being utilized in five museums across the United States.

When he is not writing or researching, Quinlin gives tours of America's battlefields to people from across the world. He has also been a member of the Marietta Cemetery Memorial Committee for five years and has contributed to the Wreaths Across America program for Marietta National Cemetery for 17 years. Today, Quinlin has two sons, seven grandchildren, and celebrates 47 years of marriage.