

Martin King

BIOGRAPHY



Martin King is a highly qualified British Military Historian/Lecturer who's had the honour of reintroducing many US and British veterans to the WWII battlefields where they fought. He lives in Belgium near Antwerp where he spends his time writing and visiting European battlefields, and he speaks fluent German, Dutch, Italian and French.

In 2008 **Martin** left his job as a lecturer in European history at the University of Antwerp to work as a Historical Consultant for *The History Channel*. He also chose to focus on researching and writing about individuals and the battlefields on which they served and is frequently in demand by the US military and NATO for lectures and staff tours.

His activities came to the attention of some major military documentary makers in Hollywood and *The History Channel* hired **Martin** to be the Senior Historical Consultant on their hit series *Cities of the Underworld*, and appear in the episode titled *Hitler's Trenches*. Consequently, Breakthrough Films Canada asked him to present and work as lead researcher on their series *Greatest Tank Battles*, one of the most watched military documentaries of the last ten years. BAFTA award winning documentary makers WMR recently hired **Martin** to present *Black Battalions*, an episode from their series *Narrow Escapes*, currently airing on the *Military Channel* in the United States, and the *Discovery Channel* in Europe.

Martin's voluntary work with veterans and tracing their individual histories has been a labour of love for almost 20 years. He is frequently contacted by relatives attempting to find out what their family members did during WWII. This usually involves extensive research and countless hours sifting through archives until the necessary results are attained. In 2011 **Martin** released the book *Voices of the Bulge*, co-written with his long-time friend Michael Collins, to great critical acclaim. The ensuing publicity tour visited West Point Military Academy, Valley Forge Military College, Fort Dix, USAF Spangdahlem and most *Barnes and Noble* stores between New York and Washington DC. The same year, **Martin's** 6 year campaign on behalf of Belgian-Congolese nurse Augusta Chiwy finally yielded positive results when, 67 years after the fact, she was knighted by the King of Belgium and officially recognized by the US Army who presented her with the Civilian Humanitarian award.

Martin's new book *The Tigers of Bastogne: Voices of the 10th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge* with co-author Michael Collins, was published on 19 May, 2013 by Casemate Publishing (USA).

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