

# Michael Collins

## BIOGRAPHY



**Michael Collins** is an American historian and author based near Albany, New York.

He co-authored the book *Voices of the Bulge* with his good friend and co-author Martin King, and he is currently the historian for the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Veterans Western Chapter.

With help from the *Western Chapter* and Martin King, he fundraised and ran logistics for having a 10th Armored Division plaque dedicated next to a tank turret in Bastogne, Belgium in December, 2011 to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division veterans who fought during the Battle of the Bulge. His primary interest is preserving the memory of World War II veterans through oral history and photographs.

**Michael** has lectured on the importance of oral history and the Battle of the Bulge at numerous venues including colleges, military bases, and museums. He travelled on an extensive book tour of the north eastern United States with fellow co-author Martin King which included stops at West Point Military Academy, Fort Dix, Valley Forge Military College, and the U.S. Navy Museum.

He has worked for various museums in the north eastern United States including the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum, the New York State Military Museum and Veteran's Research Center, and the Irish American Heritage Museum. He currently works in the library's audio-visual department at *Siena College* in Loudonville, NY.

**Michael** is interested in WWII history and 20th Century U.S. and European History, and received his Bachelor's degree in history from Siena College and his Master's degree in Public History from Central Connecticut State University.

His latest book, *The Tigers of Bastogne: Voices of the 10th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge*, also with co-author Martin King, was published on 19 May, 2013 by Casemate Publishing (USA).

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