

HISTORY LUNCHEON: "THE ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER & CYCLORAMA" THURSDAY, JULY 25TH, 2019 CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN BRAD QUINLIN

Brad Quinlin, noted Civil War Historian, keynote speaker, author, and re-enactor, was born in Monmouth, Illinois. At the age of 6 years old, his family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. He moved to Massachusetts when he was 16 years of age. In 1982, he moved with his family to Georgia.

Brad has always loved the study of American History. Moving to Georgia he took the path to study the American Civil War. He has been a re-enactor for 31 years, working on 27 movies and TV Shows. He was 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 his gr-gr-grandfathers life. Civil War Soldier Robert Martindale of the 20th Connecticut Infantry was killed July 23, 1864, near Atlanta, GA. Brad showed Matthew where Robert is buried in Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, Georgia.

Brad was the lead researcher and advisor in the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield film, "One Last Mountain." The film has received 3 awards.

Brad was a researcher on the documentary "The Untold Story of the Civil War." He also worked as an advisor for the National Geographic show "Diggers."

His research is being used in the new exhibits in the new Cyclorama building of the Atlanta History Center. Brad has also researched 5 new wayside exhibits at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park. Brad has written or co-written 14 books on the American Civil war. He and his wife have been married 44 years; they have 2 sons and 6 grandchildren.



MEMORY BANQUET: "WOMEN OF GUMPTION" THURSDAY, JULY 25TH, 2019 SALLY SMITH PORTRAYING "MARGARET MITCHELL"

Sally Smith portrays Margaret Mitchell at Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, GA



Portions of an interview with Sally Smith by Wanderlust ATLANTA

Wanderlust ATLANTA: What message or sentiment, that you share with Margaret Mitchell, would you like to share with your fans?

Sally: "I'd love to share one of Peggy's mottoes—Peggy was the name Margaret adopted when she went off to college—one that I share with her... 'Never give up.' 'Never give up on yourself or life.' There are certain things one should give up, of course, like toxic relationships, but stay the course. The storms don't last forever."

Sally went on to say, "Life has too much to offer to give up. Of course you have to take the bad with the good, but you have to make the best of the bad." As soon as Sally mentioned Auntie Mame, we quoted in unison, "Live, live, live! Life's a

banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!" "Life is out there, you just have to get up off the sofa and be a part of it!"

Sally wouldn't admit it, but it was shared with me by another source that at Sally's retirement party, Fulton County made an official Proclamation — "**Sally Smith Appreciation Day**" — well deserved after 30 years of dedicated service.

Noted in the Proclamation: *Sally Smith is an exemplary public servant who is known among her colleagues for her dedication, knowledge, kindness, sense of humor, and willingness to help."*