



BRIAN E. WITHROW Reenactor-Historian-Preservationist

"Our ancestors journey with us, teach us and change our lives... and we, in turn, inspire and enlighten many others."

Associations & Affiliations

Third U.S. Infantry Co "B" 1860-1865 - Treasurer, former President and Vice President

Army of the Potomac Middle Division Headquarters Staff - Sergeant Major, Lieutenant Colonel Assistant Chief of Staff

Civil War Impressionists Association (CWIA) - Founding Member

Third U.S. Infantry Co "K" Reenactors - Private

Von Heer's Dragoons - Provost Guard to General George Washington - Dragoon

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Irish Brigade Camp #4 - Camp Historian

Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites (FSCWS) - Director (2009-2013)

The American Legion - Member

Archeological Institute of America (AIA) - Member

Civil War Trust (CWT) - Member

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) - Member



Born in Carrollton Illinois to an Air Force Father, Brian spent the early years on the move until settling long-term in Las Vegas Nevada. Brian graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Anthropology-Archaeology from Northern Arizona University in 1987 and concurrently earned a commission in the United States Air Force through the AFROTC Program. Brian retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving over 20 years as a Munitions & Aircraft Maintenance Officer of distinguished accomplishment in positions at Headquarters United States Air Force, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and as a Munitions Squadron Commander at Ellsworth AFB. While serving, he pursued an interest in graphics and multimedia presentation and graduated with a Masters Degree in Information Technology.

Over the past fifteen years as a historical reenactor and impressionists, Brian fulfilled a personal devotion to public edification on the experiences of the ordinary soldier during the American Revolution and the Civil War through interactive presentation. He's performed thousands of hours of volunteer service for living history programs at nationally renowned historic sites operated by the National Park Service, State and Local Historic Parks, and Private Museums. Brian's conducted lectures, demonstrations, and historical vignettes to present soldier's personal reflections obtained through research of letters, diaries, and other primary sources. He's stimulated an understanding of inanimate artifacts on display in exhibits through observable and/or interactive demonstration of their use. Brian has served as a Military Staff organizer, advisor, and participant in numerous battle reenactments including the 150th of Gettysburg.

He served as a director on the board of the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites working on the creation of the Stafford Civil War Park that opened in April 2013. Brian resides in Stafford Virginia with his wife Nancy.