

Biography

Martin started his professional life as an infantryman and paratrooper in the Canadian Army, deploying on United Nations peacekeeping missions to Cyprus, Croatia and Bosnia and serving in Operation Desert Storm during Gulf War One.

Following his fifteen-year military service, he began a twenty-year career in healthcare, starting as an emergency medical technician. Later as a registered nurse, Martin provided frontline emergency and critical care in Calgary, Alberta; delivered primary care and public health to the Inuit across the Canadian arctic; led humanitarian assistance and emergency disaster relief missions for non-government organizations in Africa, the Middle East, and the Caribbean; and managed healthcare centers in Yukon, Canada.

Retired from both the military and healthcare, Martin embarked on a filmmaking career, focused on showcasing veterans' contributions to society, wildlife conservation and humanitarian stories.

Career Experience

VIDEOGRAPHER/PHOTOGRAPHER/WRITER

[Travelbag Photography](#) 2018-Present

I meet and exceed your communication needs by telling your story for today's multi-media platforms with stunning still photography, award-winning aerial and ground based video, and engaging written narratives, packaged at budget friendly price points, delivered on schedule.

Portfolio Snapshot

VIDEOGRAPHER

View my docuseries and official MSFF selection [Chasing Desert Ghosts: Episode 1 Sun Compass](#)
See two of my short films [Alberta Birds of Prey Foundation](#) and [Conquer the Rideau Canal 2022](#)
Escape to a faraway place with my travel vignette [Monkey Mountain: Khao Chakan, Thailand](#)
With over 250,000+ views, watch my feature documentary [The Search for Popski's Lost Patrol](#)



PHOTOGRAPHER

View my photography at travelbagphotography.com

WRITER

Read some examples of my published narrative works:

- [Overlanding the Far Reaches of Northern BC](#) – 4WDrive Magazine, December 2022
- [An Overland Quest for a Lost WWII Patrol](#) – 4WDrive Magazine, August 2022
- [Overlanding Wild Rose Country](#) – 4WDrive Magazine, September 2021
- [Arctic Warfare Training Overlanding](#) – 4WDrive Magazine, March 2021
- [Pack Small and Live Large](#) – Truck Camper Adventure Magazine, June 2019

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Previous Career Experience

REGISTERED NURSE/HUMANITARIAN AID WORKER

Governmental and international non-governmental organizations 2000-2019

Provided emergency/critical care for Alberta Health Services, community care and public health for Nunavut and Yukon governments, led emergency medical teams in South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Jordan and Puerto Rico for American Refugee Committee, GOAL, International Medical Corps and Project Hope.

INFANTRYMAN/PARATROOPER

Canadian Army 1981-1996

Commanded infantry sections and reconnaissance detachments; provided combat intelligence and battlefield communications for battle group commanders; attained rank of sergeant.

Education

VIDEO PRODUCTION DIPLOMA (with Honours) *Toronto Film School 2022*

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL NURSING *Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine 2012*

MA DEGREE IN DISASTER/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT *Royal Roads University 2011*

ADVANCED CRITICAL CARE NURSING DIPLOMA *Mount Royal University 2002*

NURSING DIPLOMA *Lethbridge College 2000*

Communication

EXPOSURE: ALBERTA'S PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL *Calgary, Alberta, 2022*

WORKSHOP PRESENTER, MCBAIN CAMERA *Edmonton, Alberta, 2021*

GUEST SPEAKER, ALGONQUIN COLLEGE *Pembroke, Ontario, 2016*

GUEST LECTURER, ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY *Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2015-2022*

Awards

MILAN SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL OFFICIAL SELECTION *2024*

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICE CEO'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE *2013*

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SILVER MEDAL *2013*

CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION *1995*

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COMMENDATION (N Coy 3RCR) *1992*

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