



John "Beau" Billingslea was born in Charleston, SC. A few years later, the family landed in Meriden Connecticut, CT, where he grew up.

He was a 3-sport athlete at Maloney High School, lettering in football, baseball and basketball. At the end of his senior year, he was offered a contract with the Kansas City Athletics but at the urging of his father, opted instead to attend UConn and play football. The summer he graduated from Maloney, Beau played on the East All Stars against the West All Stars in the annual Nutmeg Bowl, the East won. While at UConn, he played for the celebrated coaching staff of Rick Forzano, Lou Holtz, Sam Rutigliano, Lee Royer, Don Secanovich, Dave Adolph and Andy Baylock and was selected as a member of the Yankee Conference All Scholastic team. His senior year, he co-captained the first UConn football team to beat Yale and received letters from numerous NFL teams, but as an ROTC cadet he was obligated to serve in the U.S. Army. That commitment was

deferred allowing Beau to attend UConn Law School, graduating and passing the Connecticut Bar in 1969.

Beau began his professional acting career in New York while in law school and was in Cleveland on a national Broadway tour of "The Great White Hope" when he learned he had passed the Bar exam.

Thereafter he began his military service, the majority of which was spent in Germany as an Army JAG Captain with cases spanning the gamut from AWOL to murder. In 1975 he became a member of The United States Supreme Court Bar. While in Germany he learned to speak German, taught criminal law for the University of Maryland extension program and performed in several stage plays including the lead in *Dracula*; *Bell, Book & Candle*; *Street Scene* and *Bad Seed*. Other highlights of his European tour were a helicopter ride around the Berlin Wall and an interaction with the Russian KGB (secret police) while in Moscow.

After six years in the Army, Beau went to Hollywood.

His show business career actually began at Roger Sherman Grammar School where he sang "Silent Night" in the Christmas play in the 5th grade and did the ham bone in the school talent show. At UConn he was convinced to perform the lead role in Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones" by a fraternity brother, something rarely done by the captain of the football team in those days – could have been a first! He is a graduate of the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Workshop.

In addition to roles in TV, features and voice acting, Beau continued his work on stage with the Los Angeles Shakespeare Festival, he appeared in "Detective Story" with Charlton Heston at the Ahmanson Theatre, sang El Gallo in the musical "The Fantasticks" at the Odyssey Theater, and played Hoke in "Driving Miss Daisy" in 3 different productions – the last time at Theatre 40 in Beverly Hills which garnered him a nomination for an L.A. Ovation Award for best leading man.

You may have seen him as Ezra in the television mini series North & South, Book II, in "Night Shift", with Ray Charles on "Who's the Boss", as Agent Cooper protecting the President (Michael Douglas) in the The American President, with Candice Bergen in "Murphy Brown", on "Married With Children", "Cold Case", for two seasons as the patriarch Papa Grant in the Nickelodeon series "Just Jordan", "The West Wing", Weeds, and as the Mayor of Crawley Corners in Hannah Montana: The Movie. He's done his share of horror films, Halloween H2O, The Blob and Vacancy 2 and worked stints on the daytime soaps, Santa Barbara, General Hospital and Young & The Restless.

Beau's voice over career includes many animated series on Cartoon Network and video games. He voiced the role of "Jet Black" in the Anime classic "Cowboy Bebop". He also was the series narrator for Suicide Missions and Hero Ships on The History Channel.

Presently, he portrays Judge Douglas on TNT's "Franklin & Bash", and can be heard voicing Abraham Douglas in the animated feature "WAR Of The Worlds: Goliath" (which recently won Best Animated Feature at the Los Angeles 3D Film Festival). He voices Raikage and Homura in the animated series Naruto, and can be seen as Captain Bradshaw in Star Trek Into Darkness.

Beau has done countless commercials both on camera and as a voice artist. From Nexium to walking the green line for Fidelity Investments, being confronted by a giant ant at his front door for Orkin and most recently for Nissan and Merrill Lynch. Video clips of Beau's work in tv, commercials, voice and features are posted on [YouTube.com/BeauBillingslea](https://www.youtube.com/BeauBillingslea).

In 1987, Beau was inducted into the Meriden, Connecticut Hall of Fame. Beau lives in Los Angeles with his wife, where for several years they were partners in Eye Candy, the famed bar/restaurant in West Hollywood, CA. His daughter is a CPA and his son is a practicing attorney. He has two wonderful granddaughters.

Beau has traveled to 22 countries and 28 states, and enjoys playing golf and tennis.

Beau has met and worked with many other entertainers, directors and talent including, Dan Akroyd, Mohammad Ali, John Amos, Dame Judith Anderson, Richard Dean Anderson, Desi Arnaz, James Avery, Lucille Ball, Carl Ballantine, Billy Barty, Ned Beatty, Warren Beatty, Richard Belzer, Annette Bening, Richard Benjamin, Candice Bergen, Corbin Bernsen, Bonnie Bedelia, Peter Bonerz, James Brolin, Jim Brown, Charles Bronson, Colleen Camp, John Carradine, David Carradine, Keith Carradine, David Caruso, Dixie Carter, Bernie Casey, Ray Charles, Michael Chiklis, Eddie Cibrian, Bill Cosby, Peter Coyote, Jamie Lee Curtis, Jeff Daniels, Tony Danza, James Darren, Robert Davi, Sammy Davis, Jr., Ossie Davis, Andy Dick, Kevin Dillon, Michael Dorn, Michael Douglas, Roma Downey, Leslie Ann Down, Fred Dryer, Patrick Duffy, Patti Duke, Joe Dunn (Peter Sellers' movie double), Buddy Ebsen, Vince Edwards, David James Elliott, Corey Elwes, John Forsythe, William Forsythe, Michael J. Fox, Genie Francis, John Frankenheimer, Dennis Franz, Morgan Freeman, Tony Geary, Robin Givens, Kelsey Grammar, David Allen Greer, Robert Guillaume, Andy Griffith, Larry Hagman, Harry Hamlin, Darryl Hannah, Gregg Harrison, Phil Hartman, David Hasselhof, Mariette Hartley, Mary Lou Henner, Charlton "Chuck" Heston, Hal Holbrook, Earl Holliman, Dennis Hopper, Ken Howard, Ronnie Howard, Ernie Hudson, Gordon Hunt (Helen Hunt's father), Jackee, Kate Jackson, Samuel L. Jackson, Artie Johnson, James Earl Jones, Michael Keaton, Angela Lansbury, Heather Locklear, Carol Lawrence, Shelley Long, Rue McClanahan, Patty McCormack, Gerald McRaney, Lee Majors, Howie Mandel, Steve Martin, Marsha Mason, Lee Merriweather, Skoie Mitchell, Steve Minor, Garrett Morris, Demi Moore, Craig T. Nelson, Loraine Newman, Nick Nolte, Chuck Norris, Ed O'Neill, David Paymer, Leo Penn, Brock Peters, Lori Petty, Lou Diamond Phillips, Sydney Poitier, Jane Powell, Victoria Principal, Kathleen Quinlan, R. Lee Raimey, Della Reese, Charles Nelson Reilly, Rob Reiner, Paul Reiser, Burt Reynolds, Debbie Reynolds, Salli Richardson, Cesar Romero, Mickey Rooney, Chuck Russell, Emma Samms, Martin "Marty" Sheen, William Shatner, Brooke Shields, John Shuck, Jean Simmons, Gary Sinise, Shawnee Smith, Suzanne Sommers, Aaron Sorkin, Andrew Stevens, Paul Sorvino, Parker Stevenson, Sally Struthers, Patrick "Buddy" Swayze, Ice-T, Mr. T, Joe Tex, Lynne Thigpen, J. Lee Thompson, Rip Torn, Ian Toynton, Shannon Tweed, Blair Underwood, Rudy Vallee, Dick Van Dyke, Jerry Van Dyke, Rolanda Watts, Forrest Whitaker, Cindy Williams, Treat Williams, Bruce Willis, Henry Winkler, Miley Cyrus, Billy Ray Cyrus, Margo Martindale, Vanessa Williams, Peter Gunn, JJ Abrams Steven Spielberg and the great Sidney Poitier.