

TMPAA 2012 Mid Year Meeting

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TED KOPPEL



Ted Koppel was the youngest full-time correspondent ever hired by ABC News. By the time he left the network, 42 years later, Ted was the most honored reporter in the network's history; having received more Overseas Press Club awards than the previous record holder—Edward R. Murrow—two George Polk awards, eight George Foster Peabody awards, eleven duPont-Columbia awards (television's equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize) and 42 Emmys.

Ted covered Dr. Martin Luther King's march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, he was a war correspondent in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, traveled with President Nixon to China during his historic visit in 1972, and covered Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East. He has covered wars in Bosnia, Congo and Somalia, covered the first Gulf War and was embedded with the 3rd Armored Infantry Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The first presidential campaign that Ted covered was Barry Goldwater's in 1964. The most recent was Barak Obama's in 2008. On the last day of the Soviet Union, Ted was the only reporter with Mikhail Gorbachev inside the Kremlin. On the day of Nelson Mandela's release from prison, Ted interviewed him at his home in Suweto, South Africa.

Ted was the anchor and managing editor of Nightline over a period of 26 years, or roughly 6,000 programs, making him the longest-serving news anchor in broadcast network history.

Since leaving ABC, Ted has been a contributing columnist for The New York Times and The Washington Post. He has produced twenty hours of documentaries during his tenure as managing editor of the Discovery Channel and serves as news analyst and commentator for BBC America and NPR.

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