

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN BLAYLOCK



Ken Blaylock, four-term president of WHNPA.



Blaylock captures China! Ken shoots the Great Wall on an ABC trip to China in 1984.



The Great Communicator greets the other Great Communicator. Official White House Photograph.

Winner of the 1989 Kodak/White House News Photographers Association Achievement Award

Kenneth Blaylock, of Arlington, Virginia, is the immediate past president of WHNPA, and he holds the honor of being the only person ever to have been elected to four consecutive terms of office in the 68-year history of the association. His tenure as president of WHNPA is but one example of the deep and abiding respect that Ken's peers have in his leadership abilities and in his thorough professionalism as a photojournalist.

Blaylock began his working career with the United States Army in 1955, where he served in the Signal Corps until 1967. While in the Army, he worked as a television cameraman for the Army Pictorial Center in Astoria, New York, and later as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the audiovisual branch of the White House Communications Agency.

Upon leaving the Army, Blaylock worked free-lance for several years as a sound man for all networks and various film production companies covering politics and making documentaries. In 1970, he became a staff sound man in the film department of ABC News Washington Bureau. Seven years later, Ken switched to video and started working as a cameraman, while continuing to handle sound and lighting in his travels overseas and throughout the United States on a variety of assignments. Blaylock's outstanding work was internationally recognized in 1983 when he received an Emmy for his work on "FDR—100 Years."

Currently, his responsibilities as a television photojournalist for CAP CITIES ABC, INC. in Washington, D.C., include daily assignments covering The White House, Capitol Hill, and other agencies, as well as a wide range of advance work and surveys for news coverage.

As busy as he was, Ken still found time to raise five children with his wife Deanne Marsh of Custer, South Dakota. And he has been a member of the U.S. Army Reserve since 1982, presently serving as Public Affairs Supervisor of the 356th Public Affairs Detachment, Ft. Meade, Maryland.

The Professional Photography Division of Eastman Kodak Company and the White House News Photographers Association are proud to present the 1989 Kodak/WHNPA Achievement Award to Ken Blaylock, who has made a lasting contribution to the excellence of White House news photography through the administrations of seven presidents.

The Kodak/White House News Photographers Association Achievement Award—a polished Steuben glass eagle—is given annually to a member of the White House News Photographers Association in recognition of outstanding service to the organization and achievement in the field of photojournalism. Designed by James Houston, the eagle is an especially appropriate figure for this award, since it has long been a symbol of American strength and leadership. Recent recipients include Jack Fletcher (1985), Arthur V. Lodovichetti (1986), Larry Krebs (1987), and Maurice Johnson (1988).

