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2019 TED YATES AWARD HONOREE ANNOUNCED

Reston, VA, April 16, 2019 --- The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS-NCCB) is pleased to announce the 2019 Ted Yates Award honoree. All honors will be presented at the 61st Emmy® Awards Gala on Saturday, June 22nd at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in North Bethesda, Maryland.

The **Ted Yates Award** is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding professional and personal qualities in their contribution to television news and public affairs in the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region. Ted Yates was an NBC News producer who traveled the world on assignment. Killed in the practice of his profession, he is remembered for his achievements in journalism. This year, the award will be presented to **Ron Leidelmeyer**, Chief Photographer at NBC4 Washington/WRC-TV.

For those in the business long enough, there are a few moments where we remember exactly where we were when a big news event happened. 9/11. The OJ verdict. The Olympic Park Bombing. Ron Leidelmeyer remembers that one well. He was 40 feet away from the backpack when the pipe bomb inside it went off. Ron was among those wounded. Shrapnel from the bomb hit him in the back and neck. Thankfully, Ron was able to recover fully from his injuries that day to continue his long and successful career. Ron has guided the team in the WRC field shop to become the top photojournalists in the DC market. The station has won countless awards and been the top-rated local news station in the nation's capital thanks in large part to the amazing work of photojournalists like Ron.

However, in 2016 Ron suffered a stroke. After arduous months of physical & occupational therapy and rehabilitation, Ron has been able to come back to full strength to continue to lead his team. He is dedicated to keeping up the latest in technology and is always willing to help plan big events. From inauguration coverage to the Caps victory parade and even Doug's Backyard weather, Ron steers the team through rough patches to get the job done. His latest project has been to successfully integrate the Telemundo 44 photographers onto his team to continue the tradition of excellence in two languages.



“The Ted Yates Award is traditionally given to individuals in our profession who have exhibited bravery on and off the job. I can think of no more fitting recipient than Ron,” said Chapter President Les Heintz.

To purchase dinner tickets or tables for the 61st Emmy® Awards, visit www.capitalemmys.tv/emmys after the Emmy® Nominations have been announced on May 15th. Questions should be directed to info@capitalemmys.org or by phone at 703-234-4055.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences was established in 1958 and is an organization comprised of more than 900 television broadcast professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production throughout the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region.

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