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LARRY DOWNING SELECTED AS THE 2015 WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION® LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

Reuters photographer has been continuously covering 6 U.S. Presidents and has received multiple WHNPA Awards

(WASHINGTON, D.C. – Feb. 6, 2015) – The White House News Photographers Association® announced today that it will present Larry Downing, senior photographer with Reuters, the WHNPA Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2015 ‘Eyes of History®’ annual awards gala Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC. Larry was informed of the honor with a surprise announcement of the award in the press briefing room at the White House surrounded by his friends and colleagues.

Larry Downing began covering the White House for U.P.I. in 1978 when Jimmy Carter was president. Since that time Larry has been assigned by Newsweek Magazine and since 1997 by Reuters to provide coverage of the presidency, Washington and the world. He has won numerous awards throughout his career for his still photography and in recent years for his multimedia efforts. Larry has been the author and producer of several widely read and acclaimed multimedia blogs for Reuters documenting the casualties and wounded warriors of America’s recent wars, the lives of NFL cheerleaders, a behind the scenes look at an all female rock and roll tribute band and tattoo culture in the United States. He has also authored blog posts about the presidency and covering the White House.

Larry has been nominated for Reuters global Journalist of the Year awards several times. He has won it twice, once as the part of the team covering the U.S. presidential election campaign in 2008 and once solo in 2009 as Multimedia Storyteller of the Year globally for his multimedia blog about the survivors of fallen U.S. warriors entitled “Those Left Behind: The Legacy of Arlington’s Section 60.” Along with colleague Jason Reed, he also won a prestigious 2012 Edward R. Murrow award in the News Documentary category for multimedia coverage of wounded combat veterans entitled, “Souvenirs of War: Purple Hearts, Prosthetics and Phantom Pains.” Larry has won numerous still and multimedia photo awards from the WHNPA, China International Press Photo Contest, Best of Photojournalism, Pictures of the Year International and multiple National Headliner Awards.

Ron Sachs, WHNPA president, commented about the award, “there is no photojournalist covering the presidency today who has had the close-up access that Larry has for as long as Larry has. The quality of his body of work over 37 years is incredible. He has earned numerous awards for his efforts. Larry is an institution at the White House. I am proud to have been a friend and colleague to Larry over these many years.”

The White House News Photographers Association® is a 94-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of Washington’s professional photojournalists. The WHNPA aims to provide professional and educational outreach to its members and the community through scholarships, programming, an annual competition and a celebration of the industry at the annual “Eyes of History®” gala.

The WHNPA and “The Eyes of History®” are sponsored in part by Nikon, Tiffen/Domke and United Airlines.

