

**Tom Brokaw**  
**Special Correspondent, NBC News**

Tom Brokaw has spent his entire distinguished journalism career with NBC News beginning in 1966 in the Los Angeles bureau where he covered Ronald Reagan's first run for public office, the rise of the Sixties counter culture, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and the 1968 presidential campaign.

From Los Angeles, Brokaw went to Washington as the White House correspondent during Watergate and as the principal back up for John Chancellor as anchor of *NBC Nightly News*. Next stop: New York and the *TODAY* show followed by his appointment as anchor and managing editor of *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*.

He took over *Meet the Press* for the 2008 campaign when his close friend and colleague Tim Russert died.

In addition to his daily newsgathering responsibilities, Brokaw reported on more than thirty documentaries covering subjects ranging from AIDS, Los Angeles gangs, race, education, medicine, immigration and global warming.

He has an impressive list of firsts, including the first interview with Mikhail Gorbachev; the first network report on human rights abuses in Tibet accompanied by an exclusive interview with the Dalai Lama; the only American network anchor to report from Berlin the night the Berlin Wall came down.

In 1998 Brokaw published his first book, *THE GREATEST GENERATION*, one of the most popular nonfiction books of the 20th century. He followed that with six other books, including *BOOM! VOICES OF THE SIXTIES*, *THE TIME OF OUR LIVES* and, most recently, *A LUCKY LIFE INTERRUPTED: A MEMOIR*.

He is also a popular essayist for publications ranging from *THE NEW YORK TIMES* to *ROLLING STONE* and a wide assortment of other periodicals and newspapers.

Brokaw has won every major award in his craft, including Peabody, Duponts, Emmys and lifetime achievement recognition. In November of 2014 Brokaw was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, the highest civilian award given to those who made "meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

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