

Deputy Director, Managing Editor

Dick Pryor is an Emmy Award-winning journalist who serves as Deputy Director/Managing Editor for OETA-The Oklahoma Network. He began anchoring the Oklahoma News Report in 1990, and served as OETA News and Public Affairs Manager from 2002 to 2007.



During his tenure at OETA, Dick has anchored OETA's statewide election coverage every two years, served as legislative reporter, and has been on-camera and voice-over talent for numerous OETA productions including the Western Heritage Awards and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Awards and Banquet. He has also hosted or moderated a variety of public affairs programs, including *Oklahoma Forum*, *Legislative Week*, *Oklahomans Against Fraud*, *The State Question Debate*, *A Conversation With...*, *Prescriptions for Healthcare Reform*, *The People's Business*, *Ask a Lawyer*, and debates involving candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

He has also narrated documentaries, *Oklahoma's Carl Albert* and *Oklahoma Newsreel Photographer*, and was producer/reporter of the highly-

acclaimed 14-part series and documentary, *Oklahoma World War II Stories* in 2007. The *Oklahoma World War II Stories* documentary was the highest-rated prime-time program in the entire PBS system on December 6, 2007, and was nominated for a Heartland Chapter Emmy Award.

Dick received an Emmy Award in 2008 from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Heartland Regional Chapter for his work on OETA's World War II Veterans project. In his role as talent, he hosted two pre-screening events of Ken Burns' documentary, *The War*, hosted an interview program about the project, reported and produced the Oklahoma World War II Stories 14-part news series and documentary, covered the dedication of the USS Oklahoma Memorial at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 2007, and hosted a live educational webcast from Pearl Harbor for more than 200 Oklahoma schools.

Dick was managing editor and anchor for OETA's Oklahoma Votes 2008 election program which received the Oklahoma Associated Press Broadcasters Award for Best Election Coverage. Also in 2008, he spearheaded OETA's Voter Voices project which received the Corporation for Public Broadcasting 2009 My Source Community Impact Award for Engagement. OETA's Oklahoma Votes 2010 general election program was the third-highest rated program in the PBS system on November 2, 2010 and the Oklahoma Votes 2006 general election night program received the highest rating of any PBS program.

Dick has appeared as a guest on the PBS NewsHour and has received awards for his work from the Associated Press, United Press International, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters.

Dick received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Radio-TV Journalism and Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Oklahoma. A native of Norman, he worked as Sports Director at KFDX-TV in Wichita Falls, Texas, and sports anchor/reporter at KJRH-TV in Tulsa and KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City prior to joining OETA. He also served as Public Relations Director and play-by-play announcer for the Oklahoma City 89ers Baseball Club for two seasons and served as sports play-by-play announcer and talk show host for radio stations in Oklahoma and Texas.

Dick is active in a variety of community and professional organizations, including the Radio-Television Digital News Association, and is a past-President of the Norman Sooner Rotary Club, the Oklahoma Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the University of Oklahoma College of Journalism Alumni Association, and FOI Oklahoma, Inc.

In 1997, he traveled to Russia to advise Russian radio and television broadcasters about American journalism. He was a member of Leadership Norman in 1997 and currently serves on the Board of Directors for FOI, Oklahoma, Inc., the Board of Visitors for the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences, the Advisory Council for the Julian P. Kanter Political Commercial Archive at the University of Oklahoma, and is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association Communications Committee.

On April 3, 2009, Dick was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

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