



Alaska Broadcasters Association

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ABA to induct Pete Carran into Hall of Fame



Anchorage, AK: The Alaska Broadcasters Association will welcome **Pete Carran** into the ABA Hall of Fame on November 15th in Anchorage, during the ABA Goldie Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel. Pete will be the 65th member of the ABA Hall of Fame, which was established in 1985.

Pete became interested in pursuing a career in broadcasting in high school and attended Career Academy of Broadcasting in Washington, D. C. Pete likes to say he learned just enough to be dangerous. Pete was sure to be drafted into the Army so he foiled Uncle Sam's plan and joined for a commitment to attend the Defense Information School at the now defunct Ft. Benjamin Harrison outside of Indianapolis, Indiana.

After successfully graduating from the journalism block of instruction, Pete progressed to the broadcasting class. Following graduation from both schools, Pete was deemed a broadcast specialist and fully expected to be assigned to Vietnam. He would have got there just in time for the Tet Offensive in 1968 but was instead assigned to the U. S. Army Alaska Information Office at Fort Richardson outside of Anchorage, which Pete considers that assignment to Alaska the most fortuitous event of his life. He worked in the broadcast section, but also prepared articles for the post newspaper. Pete served two years there and opted for an honorable discharge following his three-year enlistment and stayed in Alaska.

Pete's first broadcast radio job was with KWKO, atop the McKay Building in downtown Anchorage. Over the course of his broadcast career, Pete also worked at KFQD-AM, KAKM-TV, KTNX Radio, KTUU-TV all in Anchorage; KJNO, KINY radio and KTOO-TV in Juneau. He also worked a year putting KBBI public radio in Homer on the air, served as General Manager, and states it was the toughest job he ever had, but successfully got the station on the air.

During his tenure with KAKM-TV, Pete is credited with producing and hosting the first live broadcast of an Alaskan courtroom proceeding: Zobel vs. the State.

For a period of time Pete left the broadcast television and radio circuit to work for the State of Alaska, as well as for a state senator, but he always came back to broadcasting.

Pete still acts as an advisor to the KINY news department, and continues to host Action Line for News of the North every morning at 10:30 a.m.

Congratulations to Pete Carran and his family!

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About the Alaska Broadcasters Association

Founded in 1964, the Alaska Broadcasters Association functions as a 501(c)6 nonprofit corporation, and is the official trade association serving all free, over-the-air radio and television stations in Alaska. The ABA's mission is to serve, educate and advocate for its members as well as the general public. For more information on the ABA, please visit www.alaskabroadcasters.org

Consideration for this honor is given to broadcasters with a minimum of 25 years in broadcasting in Alaska, a solid record of achievement including: promoting development and growth of TV & Radio broadcasters in AK, local/national awards, and a history of dedication to the communities they serve.