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White House Memories

“White House Memories” an exhibition organized by the White House Historical Association and the White House News Photographers Association features still photographs taken by its members during their 80-year history. The photographs are poignant glimpses of life in the White House. Administrations may come and go, but the White House is the constant backdrop to our democratic government as presidents live and work within its walls.

The establishment of the White House News Photographers Association on June 13, 1921, gave the growing corps of Washington press photographers equal footing with their reporter brethren, allowing them for the first time access to the White House and its grounds. Before, the news photographers could only photograph people as they arrived and departed from the White House.

Today, any photographer involved full-time in the production, editing, or processing of news pictures for any of the major news gathering organizations, who either lives or works mainly in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, can apply for membership. Some 500 member-photographers, including motion picture cameramen, cover the president, Congress, and major news events in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere around the world.

White House news photographers have covered 15 administrations from Warren G. Harding through George W. Bush. Virtually all the major events of the last 80 years in and around Washington have been captured by members of the White House News Photographers Association – men and women who record history as it passes before their watchful eyes.