

District of Columbia Chapter
of the
American Meteorological Society (DC-AMS)

Proudly Presents

"Washington Weathercasting: Science, Service and Sales"

Featuring

Doug Hill (ABC 7)
Bob Ryan (NBC4)
Topper Shutt (WUSA 9)

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14th, 2002

5:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Presentation by Washington Weathercasters

8:45 p.m. Adjourn

WHERE: Fort Myer Officer's Club

214 Jackson Avenue, Fort Myer, Virginia 22211

RSVP & Info: By Friday, May 10th, 2002 to
Major Ken Carey, Kenneth.Carey@pentagon.af.mil, (703) 588-8628

Menu: Double breast of chicken, rice pilaf, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and key lime pie
dessert

Cost: \$25 (make payments to: DC-AMS, P.O. Box 13557, Silver Spring, MD 20911-
3557)

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Mr. Doug Hill**Chief Meteorologist ABC 7**

Doug Hill, ABC 7 Chief Meteorologist brings over two decades of experience to ABC7, where he anchors weather coverage on ABC 7 News at 5, 6 and 11 pm.

Hill has been honored with a Washington Emmy Award for broadcast excellence. He has also been awarded the "Seal of Approval" from the American Meteorological Society for his outstanding forecasting skills and meteorological knowledge. He received the AMS credential with less than 3 years broadcast experience, much faster than most in his field. Hill's lifelong fascination with weather culminated with a three-year side by side tutorialship with his co-worker, Mal Sillars, a college professor, while at WDIV TV in Detroit.

Prior to joining Channel 7, Hill served as the primary meteorologist for the local CBS affiliate for 16 years. He also worked at two different Detroit television stations between 1980 and 1984. Hill spent 1979 at WWBT-TV in Richmond, Virginia. Before television, Hill served as a Prince Georges County Officer. After 2 years at Towson State College, Hill entered the United States Air Force where he served as a security specialist assigned to the Presidential Support Unit at Andrews Air Force Base.

A native Marylander, Hill, his wife Mary-Ann and their four children live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Doug also provides radio forecasts on Washington's 1500 AM, 107.7FM WTOP and 820 AM. 20 AM.

Mr. Bob Ryan**Chief Meteorologist, NEWS4**

Bob Ryan has been the Chief Meteorologist at NBC4 since 1980. He has served the Washington area longer than any other broadcast meteorologist and leads the team of 6 NEWS4 meteorologists.

Bob began his career in the atmospheric sciences as an associate researcher in the Physics Section with Arthur D. Little Inc. in Cambridge, MA where he conducted research in cloud physics. He holds a BS degree in Physics and M.S. in Atmospheric Science from the University at Albany. While at ADL he began to work part time as a broadcast meteorologist in Boston. Eventually his broadcast career became full time and his research career part time. He became the principal meteorologist with Channel 5, WCVB-TV in Boston, and the first meteorologist to regularly appear on the "Today Show" from 1978-1980.

In addition to his regular weathercasts, Ryan has initiated and supported many one-of-a-kind programs at NBC4. For 22 years his annual Almanac has provided weather and environmental information and data to readers, and raised over \$500,000 for local children's charities. He created and oversees a program called "4-WINDS" (Channel 4 Weather Interactive Demonstration Schoolnet) which, with corporate partners has placed more than 400 interactive weather stations in area schools. The project gives students a "hands on" introduction to meteorology and what science really is and provides opportunities for practical applications of their science, math and geography studies. Bob was also co-investigator for a NASA supported project (co-funded with NBC4) which lead to one of the first television weather sited on the Internet, WeatherNet4.

Outside his news and NBC4 weather department duties, he remains actively involved in his science. He has served the American Meteorological Society Chair of the Committee of Broadcast Meteorology, Commissioner of Professional Affairs, Member of the Council of the Society and in 1996 as the only broadcast meteorologist elected President of the AMS. Additionally, Bob has been called to testify before various committees of Congress and recently served on the National Academy of Science, Board of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate. He currently serves on a committee of the National Research Council and the Advisory Committee of the Geoscience Directorate of the National Science Foundation.

During his career he has received numerous awards including regional Emmys for Weathercasting and the Ted Yates Emmy for outstanding service to the community. He has received the University of Albany "Distinguished Alumni" Award, the Charles Franklin Brooks Award from the AMS, for his outstanding service, and was one of the 1996 "Washingtonians of the Year". Bob is most proud of his recognition as "husband and father." He and his family reside in Virginia.

Mr. Topper Shutt

Chief Meteorologist, W*USA-TV 9

Topper Shutt has been the Chief Meteorologist at W*USA-TV 9 since June 2000. Prior to that he was the 5-8 AM and Noon Meteorologist from 1989 to 2000. Mr. Shutt was raised in the Washington Area. Shutt joined Channel 9 in September 1988 from Gannett Sister Station WFMY-TV in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was the Weekend Weather Anchor.

Prior to WFMY, Shutt was the weekday Weather Anchor for WTVK-TV in Knoxville, Tennessee from 1984 to 1987. His first position in broadcasting was as Weather Producer and Substitute Weather Anchor with Cable News Network in Atlanta, Georgia from 1981 to 1984.

Shutt, who began forecasting the weather in the fifth grade, earned his Bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He studied Meteorology at the University of Tennessee and the University of North Carolina/Asheville. Shutt earned the American Meteorological Society's Seal of Approval in Television and Radio in 1988.

Topper Shutt also provides weather forecasts for WHUR 96.3 FM and can occasionally be seen filling in on CBS This Morning.

Directions

From the South: Take Capital Beltway, I-495, then I-395 N to Washington. Continue on I-395N and go Northeast for 7 miles. Exit I-395N, via ramp at sign reading "Exit 8A VA-27 Washington Blvd to Columbia Pike and VA-244" and go North for 0.6 miles. Continue on Washington Blvd, VA-27 and go Northwest for 0.9 miles. Continue on ramp at sign reading "US-50 E to Washington" and go North for 1100 feet. Continue on Arlington Blvd/US-50 and go North for 0.3 miles. Turn left on Wainwright Rd and go North for 700 feet. Turn right on Jackson Ave and go East for 0.3 miles to 214 Jackson Ave.

From the Silver Spring area: Drive south on Georgia Ave, then turn left on Blair Rd and go Southeast for 0.4 miles. Continue on N Capitol St NW/N Capitol St NE and go South for 0.9 miles. Turn left on Hawaii Ave NE and go Southeast for 400 feet. Turn right on N Capitol St NE and go South for 0.3 miles. Continue on N Capitol St NW and go South for 2.5 miles. Turn right on New York Ave NW/US-50 and go Southwest for 0.4 miles. Turn left on I-395 and go Southwest for 4.0 miles. Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 9A VA-110 N to Rosslyn and I-66 W" and go Northwest for 1000 feet. Continue on Jefferson Davis Hwy/VA-110 and go Northwest for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Marshall Dr and go West for 0.3 miles. Bear left on Jackson Ave and go Southwest for 0.5 miles to 214 Jackson Ave.

