



"When it's important to you, it's important to me. This is what I live by. Whether in combat, or on a family's worst day when tragedy or the unexpected comes, my history shows I will stand in your shoes finding light at the end of the tunnel is paramount to me."

WILLARD SHEPARD

Attorney, journalist, aviator

Six-time Emmy® award-winning journalist, attorney, and Gulf War Fighter Pilot Willard Shepard brought his unique insight to NBC 6 viewers as an anchor and investigative reporter three decades. He anchored the 5 p.m., 5.30 p.m., and weekend editions of the NBC 6 News.

Shepard, a member of the Florida Bar, used his legal skills to develop broadcasts on police reforms, law enforcement policies and procedures—a focus before and after the death of George Floyd. His consumer investigations uncover fraud and reveal progressive innovations in private business and government. His reports showed families how to protect their daily travels, finances, home, credit, and health during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the 2020 Presidential campaign, he not only delivered the views of the candidates for the White House, but brought insightful reports on the legal challengers that followed.

An expert in the military and aviation, Shepard called on his combat experience to guide viewers through the ongoing threats at home and abroad, including the war in Ukraine. He provided an inside look at the federal, state, and local efforts to keep America safe. His work detailing anti-terror efforts underwater to protect ports and cruise ships earned him an Emmy award. During the military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, his military background brought a detailed perspective on the battlefield. He has also covered military conflicts in Bosnia and Kosovo. He has guided viewers through the return of Boeing's 737 Max to service after two fatal accidents.

Shepard came to WTVJ in 1994 from CBS affiliate WJW-TV in Cleveland, Ohio where he anchored the morning news and was a special projects reporter and received an Emmy Award for his news series "The State of Black Cleveland." He has also been honored for his reporting by the Associated Press, United Press International, and the Aviation and Space Writers Association.

In addition to his commitment to news, Shepard was a Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force and Reserve. His A-10 squadron was the first Air Force Reserve fighter unit ever to go into combat. During the Gulf War, Shepard flew 52 combat sorties over Iraq and Kuwait. He was awarded six Air Medals for his support of Coalition Army Ground Forces. Shepard has also flown missions over



Bosnia for NATO. He was the first Air Force pilot to openly fly the Soviet Mig-29 fighter. As a staff officer, Lt. Colonel Shepard examined air operations programs in the U.S. Southern Command.

For the Air Force Reserve today, he assists high school students in obtaining ROTC scholarships and appointments to the USAF Academy. As a member of the USAF Civil Air Patrol, he has flown search and rescue missions and countless sorties showing middle and high school students aviation opportunities in the USAF and beyond. He is an FAA aircraft Advanced Ground and Instrument Instructor and is an FAA certified Unmanned Aerial Systems pilot.

Shepard is a graduate of the Florida International University College of Law and specializes in media and aviation legal issues. Shepard graduated cum laude from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Theater. He is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School in San Antonio, Texas, and a finalist for the prestigious White House Fellowship program.

Shepard is actively involved in the community. He currently works with the Miami-Dade County School Board's "5,000 Role Models" program, teaching middle and high school students the values they need to succeed. He and his wife, Tainna, are parents to Gianmarco and Francesca.

For more information, please visit WillardShepardLawandMedia.com via email at willardshepardlaw@gmail.com and connect with Willard Shepard on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Legal and Consulting Areas

Personal Injury
Medical Malpractice
Media
Aviation
Criminal Defense

Education

B.A. Temple University Cum Laude
J.D. Florida International University

Bar Admissions

Florida 2011
Southern District of Florida 2011

Media

6 Time Emmy TV Winner

Investigative Reporter & Anchor NBC Miami
Awards: Associated Press, United Press International,
Aviation and Space Writers Assn.

Military U.S. Air Force

Gulf War Fighter Pilot
Strategic Planning Officer
Distinguished Graduate Air Force Officer Training School
Reserve Lt. Colonel Air Force Academy Liaison Officer

Civilian Aviation

FAA Commercial Instrument Pilot
FAA Advanced Ground & Instrument Instructor

Finalist White House Fellowship Program