

## Intro for Pete Souza

Pete Souza is a freelance photographer based in the Washington, DC, area and is the former director of the White House Photography Office. He previously was a national photographer for the Chicago Tribune, a freelancer for National Geographic, and an official White House photographer for President Ronald Reagan. He is the author of six photography books, including, *Obama: An Intimate Portrait*, which debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. It is one of the best-selling photography books of all time. His new book, "*Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents*," was published in October 2018.

In addition to his work in the White House, Souza has covered stories around the world. After 9/11, he was among the first journalists to cover the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, after crossing the Hindu Kush mountains by horseback in three feet of snow.

A few stats on Pete's work during his tenure with President Obama:

- Two million photographs captured of the president
- 1.5 million miles logged on Air Force One
- Visited all 50 states on assignment
- Touched down in over 50 countries around the globe

During this time, Pete was an eye-witness to history, including capturing the historic image of President Obama and his advisors in the Situation Room during the Osama bin Laden mission, interactions with world leaders, and intimate and unguarded moments with the presidents' family. All in all, Pete has produced a body of work un-matched in the modern time and has set the highest bar for Presidential photography.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Pete Souza