

## **JAMES CURRY – EXTENDED BIOGRAPHY**

James Curry was born and raised as one of four children, in Lansford, Pennsylvania. He attended a public vocational technical high school while also working at a local radio station as a news reader. At age 17, and one year to the day after 9/11, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Curry attended boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, Marine Combat Training and Marine Corps Engineer School in North Carolina before finding himself on the streets of Fallujah, Iraq in 2004. Following that tour of duty, he was hand-picked for the Marine Corps's elite embassy guard program. Less than one percent of all Marines qualify for this duty. He served in India, Togo, and Canada, with temporary stints in Sri Lanka and Guatemala. He also worked on special assignments providing security for the international visits of President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

After his honorable discharge, James embarked on a career in broadcast journalism. He worked in local news in El Paso and San Diego before landing a position at CNN. At age 24, he was one of the youngest broadcast producers ever appointed by the network. Some of the most memorable stories he covered at CNN include the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the killing of Osama Bin Laden, The Deep Water Horizon oil spill, numerous mass shootings, The Boston Marathon Bombing and the Trump Campaign.

Curry has been recognized for his work with an Emmy Award and three Peabody Awards.

On a personal note, James is a cancer survivor. At age 25, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His battle was well documented on his blog, The Curry Chronicles, and on various CNN platforms. While in remission, he authored an article on CNN.com entitled, "After Cancer, my Real Fight Began." It was viewed thousands of times and shared widely on social media platforms.

James holds a B.S. in political science from Troy University in Alabama and a M.S. in journalism from South Dakota State University.

## **SHORT BIOGRAPHY**

**James Curry** is an Emmy Award and three-time Peabody Award-winning journalist. His work has been seen on CNN, The Weather Channel, Fox Business, and local news stations throughout the United States. At the age of 24 he was one of the youngest newscast producers ever appointed by CNN. James is also a Marine Corps combat veteran. He was in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2004 and later was handpicked to serve as one of the Marine Corps' elite embassy guards. He holds a B.S. in political science from Troy University in Alabama and a M.S. in journalism from South Dakota State University.