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The voice of the peninsula celebrates a new chapter

Norfolk, VA- WVEC, Hampton Roads' local ABC affiliate announced Velma Scaife's retirement from WVEC after 30 years with the station.

Scaife began her career at ABC 13 co-anchoring 13News at Noon. She also anchored the area's first 10 o'clock newscast and has recently been serving as the Peninsula Bureau Chief. Long before she was the voice of the Peninsula Scaife began her broadcast career on radio in Hampton Roads at WCMS and WNIS. Throughout her tenure she has interviewed Rosa Parks, the Dalai Lama, and several United States Presidents.

Scaife's background in a military family that led her all across the world in her youth helped her to understand and love the Hampton Roads community.

"I have learned everyone has a story, and some very interesting people are right here in our neighborhoods." Scaife said.

"There's no reporter who covers the peninsula better than Velma. Her longevity in the market means she brings tremendous credibility to her reporting. There's no question viewers trust Velma, and her sources have allowed her to bring exclusive stories to our air time and time again." News Director Doug Wieder said.

"Over the last three decades, I have made the Peninsula and WVEC my home. Each day, I am inspired by those in our community and those I have met because of my time at the station. Whether it's battling hurricane force winds or covering some of our world's most influential people, we have been on this ride together. Thank you for standing by me and allowing me to be a part of your lives. As I enter the next phase of my journey I will take with me the kindness, warmth and resiliency I have experienced reporting for the Peninsula." Scaife said.

While Velma is irreplaceable, 13News Now's commitment to being the only station in Hampton Roads with a reporter dedicated to covering the peninsula will remain.

"WVEC ABC13 and TEGNA thank Velma for decades of quality news reporting on the peninsula and throughout Hampton Roads. Countless lives have been impacted through her excellent work and her influence will carry on. We wish her the very best on her retirement." General Manager Kari Jacobs said.

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