

Natalie Brand, Reporter at CBS

Award-winning journalist Natalie Brand covers the White House and Capitol Hill for CBS News and stations as a Washington, D.C.-based correspondent.

Most recently, she was on duty at the White House this month as Iran launched its retaliatory attack on Israel. She's covered the Biden and Trump administrations, as well as major breaking news events including the January 6th, 2021 Capitol Insurrection, where she provided 24 hours of continuous coverage for CBS stations.



Brand covered the 2020 campaign season extensively with a series of enterprise reports from the farms in Iowa to coal country Pennsylvania. She covered trends including the increasing power of the Latino vote as well as concerns over election disinformation.

During the Trump administration, Brand covered the former President's two impeachment proceedings and trials, changes to immigration policy, and the 2018-2019 record government shutdown. She also provided extensive coverage on the federal response to the Coronavirus pandemic under the Biden and Trump administrations and the social justice movement sparked by the killing of George Floyd.

She also has a special interest in health and veterans' issues and the deadly impacts of toxic burn pits and efforts to pass the Honoring our PACT Act.

Before joining CBS News, Brand was a political reporter at KING-TV in Seattle from 2015 through 2018, where she helped innovate campaign and election coverage, broke stories, and moderated major political debates.

She also helped launch, co-host, and produce "Washington to Washington" for a Washington state public affairs channel, a series that looks at the connections between decisions made in Washington, D.C. and impact to people in the Pacific Northwest.

Brand has also reported at KTVK-TV in Phoenix, Ariz., where she helped lead coverage of the Yarnell Hill wildfire tragedy of 2013 which killed 19 firefighters.

She's also worked as a reporter for KPTV-TV in Portland, Ore., and KPSP-TV, the CBS affiliate in Palm Springs, Calif.

Brand began her career in broadcast news as a writer and associate producer at KFMB-TV, the CBS affiliate in San Diego, Calif.

Brand earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from the University of California, San Diego and a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Brand's reporting has earned her a Regional Emmy Award for Best Political Reporting, as well as an Edward R. Murrow Regional Award and two Associated Press Awards.

In 2022, Brand married her husband, USCG Commander Kristopher Ensley who serves as the commanding officer of the USCGC Dependable. Her most important job is mom to 16-month old Chance Ensley.