



Westerners International LIVING LEGENDS

For more than fifty years outstanding members of Westerners International have been singled out for recognition by their peers. Individuals who have contributed to WI through long service, leadership, recruitment, publication, lecturing, problem-solving and in other ways both in the United States and abroad have been honored as *Living Legends*. Each was nominated by his or her fellow WI members of their own corral or posse, and each nomination was approved by the WI Home Ranch prior to conferral of the honorific. The list of all Westerners International Living Legends, in chronological order, follows:

No.	Year	Name	Corral or Posse Affiliation(s)
66	2019	Robert A. Clark	Los Angeles, Huntington, Spokane, and Cross Timbers
65	2018	Harvey Pratt	Indiana Territory
64	2018	Robert J. Chandler	Los Angeles and San Francisco
63	2018	Jerome R. Selmer	Los Angeles
62	2017	Gary D. Turner	Los Angeles
61	2016	Abraham Hoffman	Los Angeles
60	2016	Francis J. Weber	Los Angeles
59	2015	Burnis Argo	Chisholm Trail
58	2014	Ester J. Murray	Pahaska
57	2013	Fred Egloff	Chicago and Southwest Vaqueros
56	2011	Bob Ihsen	San Dimas
55	2011	John Creech	San Dimas
54	2010	Vern Erickson	Fort Abraham Lincoln
53	2010	John W. Robinson	Los Angeles and San Dimas
52	2010	Edward J. Fraughton	Utah
51	2009	Watson Parker	Black Hills
50	2009	John Ellingson	Spokane
49	2007	Bruce Fee	Prescott
48	2003	William G. Bell	Potomac
47	2003	Glen Dawson	Los Angeles
46	2003	Richard H. Dillon	Los Angeles and San Francisco
45	2002	Joe S. Sando	Albuquerque
44	2002	Alvin G. Davis	Llano Estacado
43	2001	Robert J. Utley	Yale
42	2001	John Marohn	Tucson
41	2001	Albert W. Bork	Prescott
40	1999	David Dary	Kaw Valley
39	1999	Randall Johnson	Spokane
38	1998	Wallace E. Clayton	Tucson
37	1998	John Willard	Yellowstone



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36	1998	José Cisneros	El Paso
35	1997	Ormly Gumfudgin	Los Angeles
34	1997	Al Shumate	San Francisco
33	1994	Jim Murphy	Tucson
32	1993	Bob Lee	Black Hills
31	1992	Merrill J. Mattes	Chicago, Denver, Omaha and San Francisco
30	1991	Harrison Doyle	San Diego
29	1989	Jeff Dykes	Potomac
28	1988	Otis H. Chidester	Tucson
27	1985	Leland D. Case	Tucson, Stockton and Chicago
26	1984	Donald R. Ornduff	Kansas City
25	1983	Dick Dunlop	Chicago
24	1983	C.L. Sonnichsen	El Paso and Tucson
23	1982	Harry Blair	Black Hills
22	1981	Peter J. Powell	Chicago
21	1981	Harold Shunk	Black Hills
20	1980	Donald E. Worcester	Fort Worth
19	1980	Ernest L. Reedstrom	Chicago
18	1979	Gerald F. MacMullen	San Diego
17	1979	John R. Bethke	Chicago
16	1978	Jerome Peltier	Spokane
15	1978	Charlie Evans	Buffalo Bill
14	1978	George Virgines	Chicago
13	1977	Joseph Rosa	English Westerners
12	1975	Nellie S. Yost	Buffalo Bill
11	1975	Richard Coke Wood	Stockton
10	1974	Iron Eyes Cody	Los Angeles
9	1974	Frank Thomson	Black Hills
8	1974	Fred Hackett	Chicago
7	1973	John F. McDermott	St. Louis
6	1973	Nolie Mumey	Denver
5	1972	Don Russell	Chicago
4	1972	George B. Eckhardt	Tucson
3	1971	Peter Decker	New York
2	1971	Arthur Woodward	Los Angeles
1	1970	John G. Neihardt	Chicago

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Westerners International LIVING LEGENDS GUIDELINES

Within your Corral or Posse may be individuals who stand out as uniquely productive members. These people might have published many significant books, monographs, or articles on Western history or delivered many outstanding presentations on Western historical topics. Alternatively, they may have supported Westerners International over many years or decades in other ways: starting new Corrals or Posses, or saving them from dwindling membership and oblivion. They may have solved problems of long-standing, or come up with innovative ideas for expanding membership or improving W.I. outreach and cooperation with sister organizations dedicated to Western history. Or, they may have contributed in significant ways to the protection and preservation of sites, archives, institutions, or organizations important to Western history.

If you think that one of your members is deserving of Westerners International's highest honor, then please consider nominating him or her as a *Living Legend*.

Requirements:

- 1: The candidate must be *living*. Sorry, no post-mortem nominations can be accepted.
- 2: Only one candidate may be nominated per calendar year by each Corral or Posse.
- 3: The candidate must be approved by the Trail Bosses of the Corral or Posse.
- 4: If your Corral or Posse contains Living Legends, solicit their advice on candidates.
- 5: The candidate must have been a member of his or her Corral or Posse for at least ten years.
- 6: The candidate must have served as the Sheriff of his or her Corral or Posse for at least a year.
- 7: The candidate must agree to the nomination, then be interviewed any way (face to face, by telephone, etc.) he or she prefers. A brief biography detailing the candidate's contributions to Westerners International and to the study and dissemination of Western American history, based upon the interview and information supplied by the candidate must then be prepared. This biographical sketch must be approved by the candidate.
- 8: Send the biographical sketch/nomination and a photograph supplied by the candidate to the Home Ranch either as a printed letter, or as an Email attachment, before April 15 of the calendar year for which he or she is nominated.