

The Ultimate Warrior Inducted Into WWE Hall Of Fame

The World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) has inducted [@The Ultimate Warrior](#) as the first inductee this year into the Hall of Fame.

On July 15, 2013, Warrior featured in a WWE 2K14 game trailer and revealed he was in the roster as a pre-order bonus. Warrior was selected as one of six legends to be included in the Defining Moments series of action figures.

In a statement, WWE Chairman & CEO Vince McMahon said The Ultimate Warrior was the most intense, colorful, competitive, and outspoken Superstar in sports entertainment history, and his contributions to the World Wrestling Entertainment were extraordinary. McMahon added we are thrilled to induct The Ultimate Warrior into the WWE Hall of Fame.

Till date, fans remember the pulsating entrance music whenever The Ultimate Warrior entered the arena. The wrestler was known to be one of the best superstars of McMahon's World Wrestling Federation and gave tough competition to Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Rick Rude and, "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase. Considered to be one of most polarizing Superstars in the [history of professional wrestling](#), Warrior (born James Brian Hellwig) is best known for the title-versus-title match against Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania VI is still rated very highly by wrestling fans. The Ultimate Warrior won the WWF Championship when he pinned Hulk Hogan in the WrestleMania VI's main event.

Hellwig won the 1984 NPC Mr. Georgia crown after competing in a number of NPC contests. In 1985, Hellwig joined a group of bodybuilders - Steve "Flash" Borden, Garland Donoho, and Mark Miller - who wanted to make a transition into [professional wrestling](#). He then debuted in the Dallas, Texas-based World Class Championship Wrestling (WCCW) promotion in 1986 where Warrior wrestled for \$50 a night. In June 1987, he joined the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and defeated the likes of Steve Lombardi, Barry Horowitz, and Iron Mike Sharpe. Hellwig made his television debut as The Ultimate Warrior on the October 25, 1987 airing of WWF Wrestling Challenge.

The wrestler is best known for not having a very good relationship with Vince McMahon. In 1991, The Ultimate Warrior was shown the door by McMahon after the wrestler demanded more money for continuing showing up, including for the then upcoming SummerSlam pay-per-view. McMahon suspended him after SummerSlam and the wrestler was off television for as many as nine months before making a surprise return at WrestleMania VIII. After that, The Ultimate Warrior was again released probably due to McMahon's upcoming steroid hearings. His woes with McMahon continued even after these events. He was fired after McMahon claimed that the wrestler missed events without a good reason. In 2005, WWE released a highly controversial DVD, titled "[Self Destruction of the Ultimate Warrior](#)," WWE mocked the wrestler. The Warrior then filed a lawsuit against the WWE and claimed the DVD projected violated a March 2000 settlement agreement that stated both sides would not disparage each other.

However, it was ruled by an Arizona judge that The Ultimate Warrior had breached his own agreement first for disparaging public comments about the WWE.