

Famous People Who Wrestled

U.S. Presidents

Chester Arthur
Calvin Coolidge
Dwight Eisenhower
Ulysses S Grant
Andrew Jackson
Abraham Lincoln
Teddy Roosevelt
William Howard Taft
Zachary Taylor
John Tyler
George Washington

U.S. SENATE

The late John Chafee
(former senator RI)
Lincoln Chafee
(current senator RI)
Chuck Hagel (Nebraska)
John McCain (Arizona)
The Late Paul Wellstone (Minnesota)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Late Carl Albert
(former Speaker of the House)
Dennis Hastert (Illinois)
(Current Speaker of the House)

Brad Glass
Greg Ganske (Iowa)
Jim Leach (Iowa)
Jim Nussle (Iowa)

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Donald Rumsfeld
Frank Carlucci

WHITE HOUSE STAFF

Ari Fleischer
George Stephanopoulos

OTHER POLITICIANS

Arne Carlson
(former governor of Minnesota)
Steven Friedman
(chief economic advisor for the current Bush administration)

ACTORS/COMEDIANS

William Baldwin
The Late John Belushi
The Late James Cagney
Tom Cruise
Tony Danza
Kirk Douglas
The Late Chris Farley
Al Franken
The Late Victor French
(TV show Highway to Heaven)
PeeWee Herman
(Paul Ruebens in HS in Florida)
Breck Jamison
(formerly of As The World Turns)
Harvey Keitel
Ashton Kutcher
(That 70s Show)
Jay Leno
Mario Lopez
Bill Maher
Howie Mandel
Jay Mohr
The Late Nat Pendleton

(1920s Olympic wrestler, 1930s movie actor)

Tom Sullivan

Mr. T.

(Laurence Turead)

Tab Thacker

Vince Vaughn

Tim Van Patten

Robin Williams

WRESTLING COMMENTATORS

Jeff Blatnick

Ken Chertow

Dan Gable

Jim Gibbons

Russ Hellickson

Ken Kraft

Tim Johnson

ADVENTURERS

Don Briggs

(former University of Northern Iowa assistant coach, now base camp manager at Mt. Everest)

AMERICAN HEROES

Jeremy Glick

(aboard United flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001)

Charles Moose

(Montgomery County (Maryland) Police Chief – led investigation in Washington DC area sniper shootings October 2002)

Tommy Norris

(Medal of Honor winner for actions in Vietnam)

Prisoner of war in Iraq

Pfc. Patrick Miller

(wrestled in HS in Park City, Kansas)

TV
NEWSCASTERS/
PERSONALITIES

Geraldo Rivera
Andy Rooney

AMERICAN HEROES

(who died in service to our country in the 2003 Iraq war)

Marine Lance Corporal

Brian E. Anderson

(wrestled in HS in

Durham, NC)

Marine Major

Jay Thomas Aubin

(killed in a British helicopter crash in Kuwait – wrestled in HS in Skowhegen,
Maine)

Marine Lance Corporal

Andrew Aviles

(wrestled in HS in Tampa) Marine Lance Corporal

Brian Rory Buesing

(wrestled in HS in Charlotte County, Florida)

Marine Captain Travis Ford (wrestled in HS in Ogalalla, Nebraska)

Marine Sgt. Brian McGinnis (wrestled in HS in St. Georges, Delaware)

Marine Major Kevin Nave (wrestled in HS in White Lake Township, Mich.)

Marine Lance Corporal

Patrick O'Day

(wrestled in HS at Santa Rosa, California)

Sgt. 1st Class Randy Rehn (wrestled in HS in Longmont, Colorado)

Marine Corporal

Randal Kent Rosaker

(wrestled in HS in Alamosa, Colorado)

ASTRONAUTS/NASA

Joe Allen
(Astronaut)
Michael Collins
(Astronaut)
Jim Voss
(Astronaut)
Ronald Dittmore
(NASA space shuttle program manager)
William Kerslake
(NASA scientist)

MUSICIANS

The Late Kurt Cobain
(Nirvana)
Glen Danzig
(wrestled as Glen Anzalone)
The Late Shannon Hoon
(Blind Melon)
Maynard James Keenan (Tool)
Ludacris
The Late Layne Staley
(Alice in Chains)
Robin Zander (Cheap Trick)
Garth Brooks

AUTHORS

Terry Davis
(Vision Quest)
John Irving
(The World According to Garp)
The Late Ken Kesey
(One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest)
Ron Kovic
(Born of the Fourth of July)

MILITARY LEADERS

Denny Benchoff
(3-star general)
The Late Greg
"Pappy" Boyington
General
Charles C. Krulak
Rear Admiral
William J. McDaniel
George Patton
Al Rushotz
Retired Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf

BUSINESS LEADERS

Rocky Aoki
(Benihana Restaurants)
Scott Beck (Boston Market)
James Bigger (Nestle)
Ben Bishop (Bethlehem Steel)
Dan Cathy (Chick-fil-a)
John Filer (Aetna)
Stephen Friedman
(Goldman Sachs)
Robert Hannan
(Thrift Drug)
Henry Kravis
(Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.)
James Macalear
(SMS Corp.)
Ron McGruder
(Olive Garden)
Art Martori
(Production Farm Management)
David Pottruck
(Charles Schwab)
Edward Rust (State Farm)
Arthur Rutzen (Wells Fargo)
John Vaughan

(Alco Standard)

OLYMPIC ATHLETES IN OTHER SPORTS WHO ONCE WRESTLED

Mark Lenzi (Diving)
Sugar Ray Leonard (Boxing)
Jason Morris (Judo)
Jimmy Pedro (Judo)
Brian Shimer
(Bobsled)
Jim Thorpe
(Early 20th century decathlete)

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION FOUNDER

Joseph Smith (founder, Church of the Latter-Day Saints) (Mormon)

SCIENCE

Dr. Norman Borlaug
(Nobel prize winner)
William Kerslake
(NASA scientist)

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES
(other than NFL)

Brett Butler
(baseball)
Pat Day
(horse racing)
Kevin Harvick (NASCAR)
Larry Holmes
(boxing)
Glenn Hubbard (baseball)
Jeremy Rose
(horse racing)
Bill Shoemaker
(horse racing)

Spud Webb (basketball)

No Holds Barred (UFC/Octagon) competitors:

Mark Coleman
Randy Couture
Kevin Jackson
Kevin Randleman
Dan Severn
Ken Shamrock

SPORTS BROADCASTING

The Late Roone Arledge
Jim Lampley
Bill Macatee

SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT

(pro rasslers who were amateur wrestlers)

Iron Sheik
(Khosrow Vazin)
Brock Lesnar
Earl McCready
Randy Orton
Nat Pendleton
Brad Rheingans
Bob Roop
Joe Scarpello
Ruffy Silverstein
The Steiner Brothers
The Late Chris Taylor
The Late Mr. Wrestling/Tim Woods
Kurt Angle
Bob Backlund
George Bollas
Jack Brisco
Mike DiBiase
Dory Funk
Verne Gagne
Ray Gunkel

Dan Hodge
Dick Hutton
Bob Roop
Joe Scarpello
Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat
Rick Flair
Terry Gerrin "Rhyno"