

**NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM 19th ANNUAL HALL OF FAME
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"Join us as we salute and honor our 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees! "

Danny Edmond, Ernest Marsh, Tex Williams

POSTHUMOUS INDUCTIONS: Lawson Daniel Gratz, Lloyd James Randle

PRESS RELEASE

**THE NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2023 HALL OF
FAME INDUCTEES**

Fort Worth, TX...Film actor and history re-enactor Ernest Marsh and posthumously, U. S. Buffalo Soldier and Civil War Veteran Lawson Daniel Gratz are among the honorees for the 19th Annual National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum (NMWHM) Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year's annual recognition program will be held Saturday, July 22nd at The Warehouse FW located at 1125 E. Berry Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76110. The VIP reception begins at 6 PM and the banquet commences at 7 PM.

This year's honorees also include possibly the first black cowboy to compete in the American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA); prize winning bronc and bull rider and current horse trainer Danny Edmond nominated by 2003 NMWHM Hall of Fame Inductee and World Champion bull rider Charlie Sampson; Tex Williams, who was one of the first African American cowboys to compete in the Texas Youth Rodeo Association (TYRA) and also won the All-Around Champion title in 1967 and 1968; and posthumously Lloyd James Randle, who qualified for a professional Rodeo cowboy Association (RCA) card in the early sixties. Randle was one of the first black cowboys to help break the rodeo barrier so that blacks could compete with white contestants in the same arena. Both Williams and Randle were nominated by 2010 NMWHM Hall of Fame Inductee, rodeo producer and rodeo cowboy Harold Cash.

"We are elated to continue this time-honored tradition paying homage to the iconic men and women who remain committed to the preservation of the Old West and Western way of life," says NMWHM Co-Founder Jim Austin. "This year, we are humbled to have this tremendous class of inductees and encourage everyone to join us in celebrating their positive contribution to American History and western lifestyle.

In addition to the awards presentation, the banquet will feature a silent auction and raffle. Longtime Dallas radio and television personality SCOTT MURRAY, a NMWHM 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee, returns as event emcee.

To purchase banquet tickets or for more information on vendor and sponsorship opportunities, contact Executive Director Gloria Austin at gaustin@cowboysofcolor.org or call the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum (817) 534-8801, or Business Office (817) 922-9999. Tickets are \$200.00 for the fundraiser and may also be purchased online www.2023HOF.eventbrite.com or www.NMWHM.org

Complimentary Valet Parking will be provided.

Additional weekend events include a free Western Heritage Symposium covering the history of NMWHM 2023 HOF Inductee and Civil War Veteran and Buffalo Soldier, Lawson Daniel Gratz, presented by his great-grandson Joe Gratts on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 10 AM-12 Noon at the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum, 2029 N Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76164.

Admission is free but registration is requested. Register at [WHS2023.Eventbrite.org](https://www.eventbrite.org), [NMWM.org](https://www.nmwhm.org); or by phone, (817) 534-8801.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Housed in the Fort Worth Stockyards at 2029 N Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76164, and founded in 2001, the museum acknowledges the multicultural contributions of Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, European Americans, Asian and African Americans in the settlement of the American frontier. Works of artists and others who documented people and events of the time via journals, photographs, and other historical items are part of the Museum's collection of overlooked materials that tell, often for the first time, our complete story. Through various educational programs (e.g., storytelling sessions, "Forgotten Cowboys Tour," cultural heritage workshops, historical reenactments, participatory learning) at the Museum and in the community, the Museum shares our multicultural western heritage while instilling positive values of diversity, tolerance, hard-work, and determination. Visitors to the Museum and at our traveling exhibitions leave with an awareness that the American West came into being through the struggles and triumphs of racially and socio-economically diverse people. Visit [NMWHM.org](https://www.nmwhm.org) today!

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