



Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher Awards

The Air Defense Artillery Association processes four associated awards for worthy Air Defenders and their supportive spouses: The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher, the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, and the Esteemed Order of Molly Pitcher. Each award has specific requirements which must be met for induction.

Nominations will be sent to the ADA Commandant. The ADA Commandant reserves the right to sign or decline any Saint Barbara or Molly Pitcher awards. If the ADA Commandant decides the justification does not merit the honor, the Air Defense Artillery Association will notify and refund half of the payment to the requester.

****For a nominee to be considered for any of the four ADAA St Barbara awards, they must have a Memorandum for Record (MFR) of endorsement from the first ADA Battalion or ADA Brigade Commander within their chain of command. This ensures that the nominee has been properly vetted by senior leadership before being submitted for the award. If the recommender is the ADA Battalion or ADA Brigade Commander, then the recommendation MFR serves as the endorsement.**

The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara

General Information: The Honorable Order recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of competence, and served the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Branch with selflessness. They must have significantly contributed to the promotion of the Air Defense Artillery in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates, and peers alike.

Induction Requirements: The following requirements for induction into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara must be met for approval.

1. **Air Defense Artillery Officers** must be a Captain or above and have completed or currently be serving successful battery command or key development TDA slot, for one year or more. Must attach their STP to the submission and be CCC graduates. Additionally, only Captains need to submit their DA 1059. ****If the position is *not* shown on the STP, they must attach supporting OER(S) that show requisite time in the qualifying position.**



The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (cont.)

2. **Air Defense Artillery Noncommissioned Officers** must have completed, or currently be serving as, a platoon sergeant or equivalent for one year or more. They must hold the rank of Staff Sergeant or above and be an ALC graduate. Positions equivalent to platoon sergeant (SFC TDA slot) include, but are not limited to, Division AMD Battle System Manager, Detachment Sergeant, NCOA SGL or higher, AIT Instructor/Writer or higher, and Readiness or Training NCO (ARNG). They must have their STP attached to the submission. **If the position is not shown on the STP, they must attach supporting NCOER(S) that show requisite time in the qualifying position.

3. **Air Defense Artillery Warrant Officers** must be a CW2 with one year time in grade or above who have served successfully at the battery level or above. Attach their STP to the submission. **If the position is not shown on the STP, they must attach supporting OER(S) that show requisite time in the qualifying position.

4. **DOD Civilians and Members of Other Branches of the United States Army** must meet all grade and time in service requirements listed above for ADA officers, warrant officers, and NCOs, and must be assigned to an Air Defense Unit for at least 2 years (24 months). Time can be a combination of multiple assignments or current assignment and must have made significant contributions to the Air Defense Artillery Branch.

5. **US Army General Officers and their nominative Command Sergeants Major (CSMs) and Command Chief Warrant Officers (CCWOs), along with members of the US Air Force, US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Space Force, or other US Government Agencies** must have made a significant contribution to the Air Defense Artillery Branch worthy of recognition for the award in which they are nominated.

6. **Non-DOD Civilians:** Must have made significant contributions to the Air Defense Artillery Branch. Nominations for the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara **MUST** be made by a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

- All Non-DOD Civilians: The Air Defense Artillery Association President is the approving authority for non-DOD Civilians.

Nomination Process: To nominate a worthy Air Defender, a step-by-step process can be found here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/awards>. Additionally, the following criteria must be met:



The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (cont.)

- Nominations for the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara MUST be made by a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara or the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.
- All Honorable Order of Saint Barbara nominees and nominators must be an ADA Association member. Those who are not current members will need to follow the proper procedures to procure membership here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/membership-information>.
- ALL information on the nomination order form (JotForm) must be complete.
- A memorandum must be submitted that includes a short (2-3 paragraph) synopsis of the nominee's military and educational career, focusing heavily on contributions to the branch, and an abbreviated bio. Examples can be found here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/awards>.
- To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received at least 6 weeks (CONUS) or 8 weeks (OCONUS) prior to the requested presentation date on the award. If the timeline is not met, a Letter of Lateness is required with the submission packet from the unit. Keep in mind this is only timeline guidance and there are no guarantees.

Note: The **Air Defense Artillery Commandant** reserves the right to waive any requirements.

The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara

General Information: The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara is the more distinguished of the two levels of awards. It recognizes those individuals who stand above their peers in the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. The general criteria for accession into the Ancient Order are to have made extraordinary contributions through long-term service for, or on behalf of, the United States Army Air Defense Artillery branch. The Ancient Order is reserved for those members whose careers have embodied the spirit, dignity, sense of sacrifice and commitment epitomized by Saint Barbara.

Induction Requirements: The following requirements for induction into the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara must be met for approval:

1. **Prerequisite:** Membership in the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara is a prerequisite for membership in the Ancient Order.



The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara (cont.)

2. **Officers** must be a COL or above currently serving as, or have successfully completed, at least one year or more of Brigade command, AAMDC DCO/COS, DOD/Army Staff, Joint Staff, ACM, or MiTT.

3. **Noncommissioned officers** must be a SGM/CSM currently serving as, or have successfully completed, at least one year or more of Brigade Command Sergeant Major responsibilities.

4. **Warrant Officers** must be a CW4 with two years in time grade or CW5 currently serving, or have successfully completed, at least one year or more at Brigade or above level.

5. **DOD Civilians and Members of Other Branches of the United States Army** must meet all grade and time in service requirements listed above for ADA officers, warrant officers, and NCOs, and must be assigned to an Air Defense Unit for at least 2 years (24 months). Time can be a combination of multiple assignments or current assignment and must have made an extraordinary contribution to the ADA branch in keeping with the spirit of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

6. **US Army General Officers and their nominative CSMs and CCWOs, along with members of the US Air Force, US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Space Force, or other US Government Agencies** must have made an extraordinary contribution to the Air Defense Artillery in keeping with the spirit of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

7. **Non-DOD Civilians** must have provided extraordinary contributions to the Air Defense Artillery Branch. Nominations for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara must be made by a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

- All Non-DOD Civilians: The Air Defense Artillery Association President is the approving authority for non-DOD Civilians.

Nomination Process: To nominate a worthy Air Defender, a step-by-step process can be found here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/awards>. Additionally, the following criteria must be met:

- Nomination for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara **MUST** be made by a member of the Ancient Order of St. Barbara.



The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara (cont.)

- All Ancient Order of Saint Barbara nominees and nominators must be an ADA Association member. Those who are not current members will need to follow the proper procedures to procure membership here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/membership-information>.
- ALL information on the nomination order form (JotForm) must be complete.
- A memorandum must be submitted that includes a short (2-3 paragraph) synopsis of the nominee's military and educational career, highlighting major contributions to the Branch. It should contain sufficient details about the nominee to warrant this ancient honor.
- To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received at least 6 weeks (CONUS) or 8 weeks (OCONUS) prior to the requested presentation date on the award. If the timeline is not met, a Letter of Lateness is required with the submission packet from the unit. Keep in mind this is only timeline guidance and there are no guarantees.

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The Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher

General Information: The Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes those individuals who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Air Defense Artillery community.

Nomination Process: To nominate a worthy person, a step-by-step process can be found here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/awards>. Additionally, the following criteria must be met:

- Nominations for the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher **MUST** be made by a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara or the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.
- The nominator must be an ADA Association member.
- All Molly Pitcher nominees or their spouses must be an ADA Association member. Those who are not, or whose spouses may not be members, will need to follow the proper procedures to procure membership here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/membership-information>
- ALL information on the nomination order form must be complete.



The Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher (cont.)

- A memorandum must be submitted that includes a short (2-3 paragraph) synopsis of the nominee's contributions to the Air Defense Artillery community and an abbreviated bio. Examples can be found here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/awards>.
- To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received at least 6 weeks (CONUS) or 8 weeks (OCONUS) prior to the requested presentation date on the award. If the timeline is not met a Letter of Lateness is required with the submission packet from the unit. Keep in mind this is only timeline guidance and there are no guarantees.

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The Esteemed Order of Molly Pitcher

General Information: The Esteemed Order of Molly Pitcher is the more distinguished of the two levels of awards. It recognizes those individuals who stand above their peers in the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher. The general criteria for accession into the Esteemed Order are to have made extraordinary voluntary long-term contributions through service for, or on behalf of, the Air Defense Artillery Branch. Esteemed Molly Pitcher nominees must have also contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Air Defense Artillery community through mentorship and community service.

Nomination Process: To nominate a worthy person, the following criteria must be met:

- Membership in the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher is a prerequisite for membership in the Esteemed Order.
- Nominations for the Esteemed Order of Molly Pitcher MUST be made by a member of the Ancient Order of St. Barbara.
- The nominator must be an ADA Association member.
- All Esteemed Molly Pitcher nominees or their spouses must be an ADA Association member. Those who are not, or whose spouses may not be members, will need to follow the proper procedures to procure membership here: <https://www.firsttofire.net/membership-information>.
- ALL information on the nomination order form must be complete.



The Esteemed Order of Molly Pitcher (cont.)

- A memorandum must be submitted that includes a short (2-3 paragraph) synopsis of the nominee's long-term contributions to the Air Defense Artillery community and an abbreviated bio.
- To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received at least 6 weeks (CONUS) or 8 weeks (OCONUS) prior to the requested presentation date on the award. If the timeline is not met a Letter of Lateness is required with the submission packet from the unit. Keep in mind this is only timeline guidance and there are no guarantees.

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