



Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher Awards

The Air Defense Artillery Association (ADAA) processes three Air Defense Artillery awards for worthy air defenders and their supportive spouses: The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, and the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher. Each award has specific requirements which must be met for induction. However, [a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara must Approve ALL nominations.](#)

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. **Officers** must be a Captain and have completed, or currently serving, a Successful battery command or an ADAM Cell OIC for one year. They must also be CCC graduates.
2. **Noncommissioned Officers** must have successfully performed, or currently serving, as a platoon sergeant. They must also hold the rank of Staff Sergeant or above.
3. **Warrant Officers** must be a CW2 or above who have served successfully at the battalion level or above.

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4. *Civilians and Members of Other Branches of the Military* must have made significant contributions to the Air Defense Artillery Branch.

Nominating Process. To nominate a worthy Air Defender, complete **ALL** information on the nomination order form. 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 must be included with the memorandum. To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received at least **4 weeks (state side) or 6 weeks (OCONUS) prior to the date requested on the award.**

Induction Process. Nominations for the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara **MUST** be made by a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and approved by a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. The Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence reserves the right to waive any requirements. All Honorable Order of Saint Barbara nominees must be an ADAA member. Those who are not current members will need to follow the proper procedures to procure membership with the ADAA.

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 for this award, complete **ALL** information on the nomination order form. A short (2-3 paragraph) synopsis of the nominee's contributions to the branch, and an abbreviated bio must be included with the memorandum.

Induction Process. Nominations for the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher **MUST** be made by a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and approved by a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. All Molly Pitcher nominees **or** their spouses must be an ADAA Member. Those who are not or whose spouses may not be members, will need to follow the proper procedures to procure membership with the ADAA.

The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara

Timeline: *At least 6 weeks (CONUS) 8 weeks (OCONUS) prior to ceremony*

General Information. The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara is the more distinguished of the two levels of awards. It recognizes those [Air Defense Artillery Association Members](#) who stand above their peers in the Honorable Order. 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 ADAA members whose careers have embodied the spirit, dignity, sense of sacrifice and commitment epitomized by Saint Barbara. Membership in the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara is a prerequisite for membership in the Ancient Order.

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

1. **Officers** must be MAJ (P)/LTC or above selected for, currently serving as, or have successfully completed Battalion/Brigade command.
2. **Noncommissioned officers** must be a MSG/SGM selected for, currently serving as, or have successfully held a Battalion/Brigade command.
3. **Civilians** must have provided significant service and contributions to the Air Defense Artillery Branch.

Nominating Process. Nomination must be made by a member of the Ancient Order of St. Barbara. To nominate a worthy individual for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara award, fill out ALL information on the nomination order form. A short (3-4 paragraph) synopsis of the nominee's military and educational career, highlighting major contributions to the branch, must be included with the memorandum. It should contain sufficient detail about the candidate to enable the board of Colonels and the Commanding General to make an informed judgment. If the Commanding General decides the justification does not merit the honor, the Air Defense Artillery Association will notify and refund full payment to the requester. To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received by the ADAA: **CONUS at least**

6 weeks prior to the date requested on the award, OCONUS at least 8 weeks prior to the date requested on the award.

Induction Process. The nominating authority for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara is the first ADA Colonel in the chain of command. If no ADA Colonel exists in the chain, authority reverts to the first ADA Lieutenant Colonel or the highest ranking ADA officer in the chain of command. Nominations will be forwarded to the ADA Association at Ft. Sill Oklahoma and will be sent to the Commandant. Following the Commandants review the nomination is sent to the Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence at Ft. Sill. The Commanding General reserves the right to sign or decline any Ancient Order of Saint Barbara awards.

Saint Barbara Cheat Sheet.

Senior Air Defenders,

In order to process St. Barbara and Molly Pitcher awards you will need the following:

-Proof of Active Membership Status in the ADAA

or

-Submission of application for membership (attached), please include \$50.00 payment, check or credit card (see below for credit card payment instructions)

-Completion of the Honorable Order of St. Barbara order form

The order form must be signed by the Nominator (this has to be an Honorary Order of St. Barbara Recipient) **it also needs the signature of the Approver** (this is to be an Ancient Order of St. Barbara recipient in your chain of command).

*be sure to state the date the award ceremony is taking place

* make sure the spelling of names and rank are correct, this is how the names will appear on the certificate.

* add the shipping address that the certificates should be sent.

-A short Bio

- 2-3 Paragraph write up, to include any and all significant contributions your nominee has made to the Air Defense Artillery Branch as well as your unit

If you chose to mail this form and the write ups to the ADAA office the mailing address is:

ADAA

P.O. Box 33727

Fort Sill, OK 73503

or

Email the forms and information to this email address.

Please be ADVISED that this is not a secure site. For credit card security purposes you have two options:

Fill out entire form EXCEPT the credit card number, and send this number in a separate email

or

Call the office with credit card information: 580-581-7221

Mondays-Thursday 1000 - 1400 (Central Time)

We ask that all these things be submitted to us:

State Side: no later than 4 weeks prior to event

OCONUS: no later than 6 weeks prior to event

Between Oct-Jan no later than 8 weeks prior to event

(Shipping times are slower during holiday season)

Please remember all nominations are hand selected by the Commandant and are very important to us, your patience is appreciated.