

## 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 make ALL nominations.*

***Please Allow Six Weeks for the Processing of All Awards***

### **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 *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 not 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 CSM position.
3. *Warrant Officers* must be a CW4/Master Warrant Officer who has served and contributed greatly at the Battalion/Brigade level.
4. *Civilians* must have provided significant service and contributions to the Air Defense Artillery Branch.

**Nominating Process.** To nominate a worthy individual for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara award, fill out *ALL* information on the nomination order form (see Annex A). A short 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 refund full payment to the requester. To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received *at least six weeks prior to the date requested on the award.*

**Induction Process.** Nominations for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara *MUST* be made by a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. 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 Fort

Bliss and will appear before a board of two ADA Colonels and the Post Command Sergeant Major. The two Colonels are the Assistant Commandant and the Chief of Staff of Fort Bliss. Two of the three must approve the nomination. Following the board's review, the nomination is sent to the Chief of the Branch for final approval and signature. The Chief of the Air Defense Artillery Branch reserves the right to sign all Ancient Order of Saint Barbara awards.

## 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.
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 (See Annex A). To ensure adequate time for processing, nominations should be received at least six weeks 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 Ancient Order of Saint Barbara and approved by an ADA Lieutenant Colonel Commander or above (current or past). The Chief of Air Defense Artillery reserves the right to waiver any requirements.

## 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 (see Annex A) or click here to download the form by itself.

**Induction Process.** The nominating and approving authority for the Order of Molly Pitcher is the first ADA Battalion or Brigade Commander in the chain of command. If no ADA Battalion or Brigade Commander exists, the senior ADA commander in the organization will forward the nomination to the ADA Association at Fort Bliss.

## MEDALLION WEAR GUIDANCE

### Order of Saint Barbara for the Military

**Army Blue or Army White Mess Uniform.** The Order of Saint Barbara medallion will be worn with the ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The medallion will hang at full length of the ribbon.

**Army Blue, Army White or Army Green Uniform.** The Order of Saint Barbara medallion will hang with the ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The medallion will hang over the four-in-hand necktie near the collar and above the top button of the coat or just under the bow tie near the collar and above the top button of the coat. Proper positioning may require pinning the ribbon together approximately three inches from the ends.

**General Information.** The medallion will be worn with the cannon side facing the chest and the bust of Saint Barbara facing out and in view. The Order of Saint Barbara will be worn **ONLY** at official Air Defense Artillery functions such as Saint Barbara's Day celebrations, Artillery Balls, or Artillery Dinings-In and Dinings-Out. Commanders, 0-5 and above may designate other occasions for wear as appropriate.

### Order of Saint Barbara Medallion for Civilians

**Males.** Men will wear the medallion around the neck with the ribbon over the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. Whether worn with a bow tie or four-in-hand tie, the medallion will hang at the full length of the ribbon. When the four-in-hand tie is worn, the medallion will hang over the tie.

**Females.** Ladies will wear the Order of Saint Barbara medallion around the neck with it hanging at the full length of the ribbon.

**General Information.** The Order of Saint Barbara medallion should be worn **ONLY** at Saint Barbara's Day celebrations, Air Defense Artillery Balls, Dinings-In and Dinings-Out. The medallion will be worn with the cannon side facing the chest and the bust of Saint Barbara facing out and in view.

### Order of Molly Pitcher Medallion

The order of Molly Pitcher may be worn as the recipient deems appropriate. The medallion may hang from either a ribbon or a chain.

***June 26, 2006 (This memo supersedes all previous memos on this subject.)***

**THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED**

Annex A

**Order Form for the Honorable and Ancient Orders of  
Saint Barbara and the Order of Molly Pitcher**

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Date of Request

**1. Identify below the Nominating Authority for the award**

**2. Identify below the Approving Authority for the award.**

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Signature of Nominating Authority

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Signature of Approving Authority

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Signature block of Nominating Authority

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Signature block of Approving Authority

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*(Note: The Signature Block for the Certificate will be the same as the Approving Authority unless otherwise specified.)*

**3. Identify below the awardee and provide all requested information.**

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Type the Rank and Name *EXACTLY* as you want it to appear on the Certificate

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Date of Award Ceremony to be Shown on the Certificate

**4. Award Desired: Ancient \_\_\_\_\_ Honorable \_\_\_\_\_ Molly Pitcher \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. Enclose \$20.00 for each Honorable, Molly Pitcher and Ancient Award requested. Make all checks payable to the Air Defense Artillery Association. If requesting U. S. Postal Service Priority Mail, enclose an additional \$5.00. If requesting U. S. Postal Service Overnight Mail, enclose an additional \$20.00.**

**6. Address to which the awards are to be sent OR the phone number to call so that the Awards may be picked up.**

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Honorable/Mollys requested \_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Ancient Awards requested \_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Postage

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**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Requests to:  
Air Defense Artillery Association, P O Box 6101, Fort Bliss, Texas 79906**