

Army Branch Spouse Awards

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BRANCH Air Defense Artillery Association Awards

The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara

The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara 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.

Nominating Process. To nominate a worthy individual for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara award, fill out ALL information on the nomination order form. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. For more information go to: <http://www.firsttofire.com/>

ARMOR BRANCH United States Armor Association Awards

Order of Saint Joan d'Arc

The United States Armor Association has established the Order of Saint Joan D'Arc to honor ladies who voluntarily contributed significantly to the morale, spirit, and welfare of Armor or Cavalry units and communities. Such voluntary contributions should exemplify the spirit of the Order's namesake in such service to others.

The award consists of a certificate bearing the signatures of the President of the United States Armor Association and the Chief of Armor, and a silver medallion suspended from a yellow ribbon.

Ladies associated with Active, Reserve, or National Guard forces or installations may be nominated. Retired individuals are also eligible. The Association does not require a nominee to be a spouse of a service member. There are those who may contribute significantly to Armor/Cavalry units or installations while serving in an installation organization.

Units will present the award at an occasion that underscores the significance of the Order of Saint Joan D'Arc.

For additional information go to www.usarmor-assn.org/joanofarc.aspx. To submit a request for awards online go to www.usarmor-assn.org/awardsform1.aspx

ARMY AVIATION CORPS

Army Aviation Association Awards

Order of Our Lady of Loreto

Established in 2004 as a joint venture between the AAAA and the U.S. Army Aviation Center (USAAVNC), the Order of Our Lady of Loreto recognizes individuals who are worthy of special recognition for outstanding support to the Army Aviation Family and Army Aviation Community. This award celebrates the sacrifice, support, security, and caring provided by those at home and in the larger Army Aviation Community that make it possible for Army Aviation Soldiers to accomplish their missions despite changes in circumstances, location, and separation from loved ones. A nominee for the Order of Our Lady of Loreto must have demonstrated conspicuous contributions to support the Army Aviation family and community.

The official nomination form should be used and is obtainable from the AAAA National Office, 755 Main Street, Suite 4D, Monroe, CT 06468-2830. Telephone: 203-268-2450; FAX: 203-268-5870. These forms may be reproduced locally. All nominations should be provided to the local AAAA Chapter President for approval. A brief outline of not more than 100 words citing the main reason(s) for the nomination should be provided. Additional supporting information may be attached as enclosures and is limited to 1,500 words or three pages (whichever is greater). Justification must contain sufficient details about the nominee to enable the Approving Authority to make an informed decision. The nomination should include a photograph of the nominee of any size. Any active AAAA member may submit the official nomination form to their local Chapter for consideration, subject to the following:

* Submission of the Order of Our Lady of Loreto Award Nomination should be made through the local AAAA Chapter. If there is no local chapter, nominations should be sent directly to the AAAA National Executive Director. The nomination packet should contain the nomination form, and the appropriate payment. Award nomination materials, to include photographs, will not be returned. If submitted through the chapter, the location chapter will retain the nomination locally.

* The Approving Authority for the Order of Our Lady of Loreto is the President of the local AAAA Chapter (allow 30 days for processing). In instances where the local chapter is not applicable or when the local President is nominated, the Approving Authority is the National Executive Board, AAAA (allow 60 days for processing action). When the nomination cannot be processed in a timely fashion by the National Executive Board, The Order of Our Lady of Loreto Selection Committee consisting of the Chairman of the AAAA Awards Committee and two members of the Awards Committee appointed by the Awards Committee Chairman, are authorized to act for the National Executive Board (allow sixty days for processing).

Recipients shall receive a Certificate of the Order of Our Lady of Loreto, and a lapel pin. Award nominees will be notified by the local Chapter President, the nominator will be responsible for induction of the recipient into the Order of Our Lady of Loreto and presentation of the certificate and the pin. For the OLL Package, please submit payment of \$100.00 (for package of 4) to AAAA National Office with nomination by either check payable to AAAA or charge with VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Diners Club. For additional information go to www.quad-a.org

Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh

This award is intended to honor that very special spouse who truly goes above and beyond all others. Therefore, it is our intent that no more than one award per year will be presented to a battalion, squadron, brigade headquarters, and other separate battalion size agencies. Each award nomination packet will be judged on its own merit, and not against other nominees. A nominee for the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh should be a spouse or family member who has given of their time to support the community. This support must contribute significantly to the overall improvement, well-being, or quality of life for members of their community. This award is not intended to be a PCS award. It should cover service over an extended period of time or a career.

The specific requirements are:

- (1) Significant service to the active duty aviation community. Service must exemplify the spirit of sacrifice and devotion as characterized by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.
- (2) Must not have been monetarily compensated to accomplish the specified service or have performed this service as part of the scope of their employment.
- (3) Must have voluntarily contributed of their time and service.

The appropriate brigade/colonel-level commander or activity director should forward the completed nomination packet to the Aviation Branch Proponency Office. If the award is to be given in conjunction with AVN Birthday celebration, requests must be submitted by March 1st.

Award application available at

<http://www.rucker.army.mil/AP/Awards%20Folder/Anne%20Morrow/Anne%20Morrow%20Lindbergh%20Award%20information%202.pdf>

CHEMICAL CORPS

Chemical Corps Regimental Association Awards

Carol Ann Watson Spouse

In order to be nominated for the Carol Ann Watson Spouse award an individual must:

- * Be a spouse who has voluntarily provided significant contribution and support to the Chemical Corps, a Chemical unit, Chemical families, or a community.
- * Possess qualities that set the individual apart from other Chemical Corps spouses or their peers.

In order to be eligible for this award and individual must be the spouse of a Chemical Corps Soldier or a civilian associated with service to the Chemical Corps and/or CBRN readiness. The nominator for this award must be a member of the CCRA. Approving Authority will be the first Chemical Corps O6 in the Chain of Command or Responsibility who is a current member of the CCRA, or by an Officer of the CCRA. If there is no Chemical Corps Colonel in the Chain of Command or Responsibility, the Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Chemical School is the approving authority. Approval authority for this award will not be delegated below this rank.

Nominations for the award will be submitted by the nominator through the CCRA website at www.chemical-corps.org/honors/cawsa.htm . Submissions will include at a minimum: Date of Request, Name and information for the requestor, Name and information of the nominee, One-two page justification/biography of/for the nominee, Name and information of the nominator, and identification of award accouterments desired and cost. Accouterments for this award will include: Official Medallion (bronze in color) with distinctive neck ribbon, Official Certificate, Other as approved by the CCRA Board of Governors.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Army Engineer Association Awards

Essayons Award

Introduced in 2006 to recognize the Engineer spouses of the regiment and pays homage to all the great spouses across the Engineer Regiment. This is to honor spouses who have voluntarily made significant contributions to the morale, welfare, and spirit of the engineer units and organizations. The following criteria must be met in order to maintain the value and prestige of this award:

- * The nominee should be the spouse of an engineer Soldier or engineer Department of Defense civilian.
- * The nominee's spouse should be a member of AEA.
- * The nominee should be a spouse who has voluntarily provided significant contributions and support to the Engineer Corps, engineer units, engineer families, and/or multiple communities.
- * Most importantly, the spouse must possess qualities that set the individual apart from other Engineer Corps spouses or their peers.
- * Spouses associated with Active, Reserve, or National Guard units are eligible. Retired individuals are also eligible.

The award will not be presented as an "end-of-tour" award that recognizes performance/contributions made during a single assignment. The presentation of the Essayons Award to the recipient should be scheduled during very special events such as formal dinners, retirements, and similar affairs.

Additional details and information regarding this award are available at www.armyengineer.com, click "awards".

FIELD ARTILLERY
United State Field Artillery Association Awards

The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara

The Ancient Order is the more distinguished of the two levels of the Military Society of Saint Barbara. It recognizes the select few who stand above their brethren of the Honorable Order. The specific criterion for accession into the Ancient Order is to have performed conspicuous, long-term service for or on behalf of the United States Army Field Artillery or Marine Corps Field Artillery. The Ancient Order is reserved for an elite few whose careers have embodied the spirit, dignity and sense of sacrifice and commitment epitomized by Saint Barbara.

Membership in the Honorable Order is not a prerequisite for membership in the Ancient Order. The approving authority for all awards of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara is the Commanding General U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill.

The Commanding General may approve, disapprove or downgrade the nomination to the Honorable Order, as he deems appropriate.

The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara

The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character; displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence; served the United States Army or Marine Corps Field Artillery with selflessness; and contributed to the promotion of the Field Artillery in ways that stand out in the eyes of the seniors, subordinates and peers of the recipient. The approval authority for the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara is reserved for O-5 FA commanders when no O-6 is available. They may approve the award for those in or associated with their commands. When there is no such FA commander available, the Commanding General of the US Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill is the approving authority for the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

The Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher

The Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes individuals who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Field Artillery Community. Approval authority for the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher is the same as the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. If no O-5 FA Commander of above is available,

the Commanding General of the US Army Field Artillery and Fort Sill is the approving authority of the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher.

To ensure the potential awardee is not prior recipient, you may call or email the US Field Artillery Association before sending the nomination to us. Our database contains the names of most past awardees. All nomination requests must come to the US Field Artillery Association office.

For more information go to: http://www.fieldartillery.org/usfaa_awards/index.html

INFANTRY

National Infantry Association

Shield of Sparta – Heroine of the Infantry

This is awarded to a spouse who has contributed significantly to the Infantry. The goal is to recognize spouses of Infantrymen and other esteemed ladies, in support roles, whose contributions deserve special recognition by the National Infantry Association and the Infantry community. The award is a token of appreciation for the sacrifice and commitment demanded of wives and supporters of Infantrymen. It further symbolizes these women as true patriots with selfless ideals and courage to send their Infantrymen into harms way. Allow 30 days after final approval for processing of medal and certificate. Go to www.infantryassn.com/awards.htm for additional information.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CORPS

Military Intelligence Corps Association Awards

Golden Rose Award

Established in 2004 by the Military Intelligence Corps Association (MICA), the Golden Rose Award is intended to recognize a spouse whose volunteer service contributes substantially to the mission accomplishment of a military intelligence unit, activity, commander or staff agency. Nominating an individual for the Golden Rose award, the nominator is required to be a MICA member in good standing. The nominator will also be required to identify an Authorizing Authority for the award; this can be a MI LTC or above or the president of an active MICA Chapter. Forms and additional information on how to submit an award are available for members upon logging. Go to www.micorps.org choose "Awards" on the main menu. For additional awards information, contact administrator@micorps.org

MILITARY POLICE CORPS

Military Police Regimental Association Awards

Order of the Vivandieres

This award was developed by the Military Police Regimental Association and is designed to honor spouses who voluntarily make significant contributions to the morale, welfare and spirit of Soldiers and family members in their unit of the Military Police Corps Regiment.

Nomination Criteria and Procedures

- Nominee must be a spouse of an Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard Soldier who is a current MPRA member.
- Only nominations for individuals will be accepted. No group nominations will be considered.
- The award is not to be used in the place of a PCS or retirement award for the spouse.
- The award nomination must be signed by a Military Police Colonel who is a current MPRA member.
- A nominee must meet the following criteria for each level of the award.
- Nominations must be based on genuine knowledge or documented research.
- Nominations will contain an application, a one page narrative, and form of payment.
- Nominations will be forwarded to MPRA

For more information go to:

http://www.mpraonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=49

ORDNANCE CORPS
Ordnance Corps Association Awards

Keeper of the Flame

Throughout military history, military spouses have made immeasurable and irreplaceable contributions to our Army. In addition to keeping their own “home fires burning”, during long duty days and even longer deployments, they willingly dedicate countless hours of hard work in the support of Soldiers, Soldier families and their military community. Without question, our spouses’ devoted service to our Army and the country is distinctive and deserving of our undying gratitude. To this end, the Ordnance Corps Association has created the “Keeper of the Flame” spouses award.

Complete the Keeper of the Flame nomination form, submit it through the chain of command for required signatures, mail the nomination form with the correct payment to the above address, and confirm receipt of nomination form seven (7) days after submission. All awards are mailed to the nominator unless otherwise specified. For additional information, go to www.usaocaweb.org/awards.htm

QUARTERMASTER CORPS
Association of Quartermasters

Catharine Greene Award

The Catharine Greene award was approved by the Quartermaster General in January 2001 to provide an award that would recognize significant contributions and support provided by Quartermaster spouses. Any member of the Quartermaster corps may nominate a deserving candidate for the Catharine Greene Award. Although any member of the Quartermaster Corps may nominate a spouse, the nominating of a Soldier's own spouse is highly discouraged and approving officials should carefully screen such nomination requests.

In order to maintain the value and prestige of the Catharine Greene Award, they have established three criteria that must be met in order for a nomination to be approved. Any deviation from these three criteria will cause the nomination requests to be forwarded to the Quartermaster General for consideration.

- * The nominee must be the spouse of a Quartermaster Soldier or civilian.
- * The nominee's spouse must be a member of AQM.
- * The nominee must have provided a significant contribution or support to the Quartermaster Corps, a unit, a community or to their spouse that is of a nature that emulates Mrs. Catharine Greene and is distinguished from other spouse contributions. The Quartermaster General has delegated approval authority of this award to Quartermaster Corps General Officer and Quartermaster Colonel (O6) in command respectively. If there is not a Quartermaster General or Colonel available in the nominee's organization, then the nomination must be endorsed by the nominator's commander and submitted to the Association of Quartermasters. The Association will then review the packet and coordinate with the Quartermaster General for further review and approval. Awards must be purchased before the application is submitted.

Online applications can be submitted at www.associationofquartermasters.com/greene_application.htm

SIGNAL CORPS
Signal Corps Regimental Association Awards

Order of the Bronze Wahatchee

The Bronze Wahatchee is for individuals who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Signal Corps community. Approval authority for the Bronze Wahatchee may be a Signal Corps lieutenant colonel in command or serving as a G6, a colonel, or a general officer. If no officer is available, the approval authority may be the national SCRA award board. The nomination packet for the Bronze Wahatchee award should include a cover memorandum from the nominator, a one-page justification which details the nominee's contribution to the Signal Corps community; a point of contact with complete mailing address and desired presentation date; and payment for the award. The nomination packet should

arrive at Fort Gordon no later than four weeks before the desired presentation date. Go to www.signalcorps.org/br_wahatchee.htm .

Order of the Silver Wahatchee

The Silver Wahatchee is for individuals who have voluntarily contributed in significant long-term service to the improvement of the Signal Corps community. Approving authority for the Silver Wahatchee is the national SCRA award board. The nomination packet for the Silver Wahatchee award should include a cover memorandum from the nominator, a one-page justification which details the nominee's contribution to the Signal Corps community; a point of contact with complete mailing address and desired presentation date; and payment for the award. The nomination packet should arrive at Fort Gordon no later than four weeks before the desired presentation date. Go to www.signalcorps.org/silver_wahatchee.htm

Transportation Corps

Transportation Corps Regimental Association Awards

Patronus Rotae – “Patron of the Wheel”

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- * The nominator must also be a member of good standing in the Transportation Corps Regimental Association.
- * The nominee must have made a significant positive impact on the Transportation Corps, a unit or the community and have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character.

To request an award, the approval authority is delegated to the first Transportation Corps (TC) Battalion or Brigade Commander in the sponsor's chain of command. If there is no TC commander available, then the Chief of Transportation is the approval authority. The nominator has the option of forwarding the award recommendation to the Chief of Transportation for his approval/signature even if there is a TC Battalion or Brigade Commander in the sponsor's chain of command. All nominations must be submitted to the Transportation Corps Regimental Association's (TCRA) National Office at Fort Eustis, Virginia, for processing. The TCRA National office must receive the completed nomination packet no later than one month prior to the presentation date or additional processing and shipping costs will be incurred. The nominator should complete the order form including full name of the nominee, the desired presentation date and payment for the award. The order form is available at www.tc-regt-association.org/patronus_rotae.htm click "PR Application". A one-page justification letter must accompany the nomination form. There is no special format for this letter. It simply must contain sufficient details about the nominee and have the endorsement of the approval authority. The nominator is responsible for ensuring presentation of the award takes place at a dignified ceremony or event.