

28TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
POLICY LETTER #13
AWARDS

Proposed by 1st Vice President: 27 Aug 2023

Approved by Board of Directors: 30 Aug 2023

President's Signature: _____

The purpose of this Policy Letter is to establish the Awards Committee and procedures for the awards given at the biennial reunion by the President of the Association, or his designee.

The Awards Committee will be appointed by the President, or his designee, from the active membership of the Association. The committee will consist of 5 representatives and be chaired by the member of the President's choosing.

The awards are:

a. Base Piece. Given to the person who has done a preponderance of great things for the Association since our last reunion. The membership will nominate people and the Awards Committee will select a winner based on the nominations from the membership. The Committee chair will notify the 1st Vice President of their decision.



b. The 8 Ball Award. See Appendix 1.



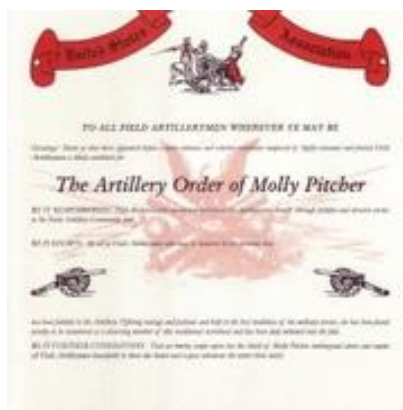
c. Battery Membership Award. Given to the Battery with the most members in good standing on the rolls at the beginning of the biennial reunion.

d. Battery with the most new members. Given to the Battery with the most new members since the last biennial reunion.

e. Honorable Order of Saint Barbara Award. 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 Artillery with selflessness; and contributed to the promotion of the Field Artillery in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates, and peers alike.



f. Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher. The Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes those individuals who have voluntarily contributed in significant and meaningful ways to the improvement of the Field Artillery Community. All spouses, civilians, and military personnel are eligible for this award via volunteer service.



Approximately 2 months prior to the biennial reunion the 1st Vice President will send a group e-mail to the active membership soliciting nominations for the Base Piece Award. Each nomination must include a narrative of their reasoning. The members will have 10 days to respond. At the end of that period the slate of nominations will be sent to the Awards Committee for their decision as to who will be the recipient. After 7 days the Committee will report to the 1st Vice President, or his designee if he is one of the nominees, of their decision. That information will be submitted to the awards maker for construction. The award will be presented at the biennial reunion dinner.

The Battery Membership and award for most new members will be determined by the data provided by the Sergeant Major of the Association. He will report said information to the 1st Vice President 10 days prior to the reunion.

The Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher Awards will be at the sole discretion of the President in conjunction with any President Emeritus and the President in Perpetuity. The request for either of these awards must meet the suspense dates established by the US Field Artillery Association. These awards, if any, will be presented by the President at the biennial reunion dinner.

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APPENDIX 1
8 BALL AWARD

8 Ball Award Procedures

The purpose of the 8 Ball Award is to bring to light the misadventures of members, family, and associates of the 2nd Battalion, 28th Field Artillery. The award highlights actions better left unspoken and in the dark recesses of propriety.

Nomination Procedures:

The ceremony will be chaired by the current holder of the award.

Prior to recognizing any nominations the previous members will stand and be recognized.

Following Robert's Rules of Order nominations must be received from the floor and no seconds are necessary. The voting will proceed after the nominations have been closed. Questions about procedures or nominations will be decided by the oversight committee that consists of Tommy Houston and Bill Dunham. If either or both of them are unavailable or have to recuse themselves because they have been nominated then an ad hoc oversight committee will be appointed by the senior member in attendance with seniority determined by the rank held while in the battalion.

Nomination Criteria

All persons associated with 2nd Battalion, 28th Field Artillery are eligible. The actions for which they are being nominated must have occurred while in the battalion or at one of the reunions. The nominee does not have to be present. The person making the nomination must provide in succinct terms the reason for the nomination keeping in mind, "It doesn't matter whether or not it's the truth, it's how you tell the story."

Once all nominations are made the chair will close them. The chair will then call for discussion. Once completed the ceremony is ready for a vote.

Voting Procedures

Valid ID is not required. All persons in attendance may vote only once. The chair will call for the vote of one nominee at a time by a show of hands. The chair will be ever concerned that Russian meddling during the vote does not occur. The nominee receiving the most votes will be declared the winner. The count of the chair is final and not subject to appeal or recall. Mail in, absentee, or proxy votes are not allowed.

Award Ceremony

The winner will be awarded the 8 ball by the current holder of the award. Any acceptance speech is limited to one minute.

Care of the Award

The 8 ball must be present at all functions of the battalion. If the winner is unable to be present at future functions he or she may designate a proxy to fulfill all duties.

Closing Ceremony

Once the award has been accepted and the recipient is cognizant of the duties and responsibilities now entrusted to them the new chair will close the proceedings.

