

2025-2027 Team Barksdale Honorary Commander Nomination Form



As we prepare to welcome the next cohort of community leaders into the Team Barksdale Honorary Commander Program for the 2025-2027 term, we invite you to nominate an exceptional individual for this unique opportunity. Self-nominations are also welcome.

Our updated criteria for applicants are as follows:

- Applicants should represent the various local communities and may be current or potential leaders in their respective communities.
- Elected officials cannot participate during an election year. Additionally, federally elected or appointed officials and their staff members, to include members of Congress, are not eligible.
- Applicants should have a *limited* military or government contractor background. Current employees of major DoD contractors are not eligible.
- Applicants may not be a paid employee of any political party or candidate.
- Applicants should be in a position to disseminate information about the Air Force and Barksdale Air Force Base to a broad cross section of the public and to other prominent citizens in their area.
- Applicants should have a fairly flexible schedule, as many events will take place during the standard workday. At least two to three weeks' notice is often given whenever possible.
- Applicants should not be an immediate relative (spouse, child, parent, sibling) of a current or former Honorary Commander or an active-duty service member stationed at Barksdale AFB
- Applicants can work in a media-related field, but cannot be a newspaper, TV, or radio reporter due to the conflict of interest allowing reporters unescorted access to the base and base leadership.

You will find additional program information and a nomination worksheet enclosed in this package. All applicants should submit a **formal resume along with the completed nomination form** to the 2BW Public Affairs office via e-mail by **October 4, 2024**.

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The 2nd Bomb Wing commander will select the new cohort in October and the new honorary commanders along with those who aren't selected will be notified shortly thereafter. New members will be asked for their social security number, date of birth and driver's license information in order to provide them with a long-term base pass. They will also be asked to sign a hold harmless agreement for various activities in which they will participate in.

In January 2025, we will host the Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony in which all honorary commanders and commanders will receive an invite.

What is the Honorary Commander Program?

As its title implies, the Honorary Commander Program is an executive-level program intended to educate influential community members who have limited knowledge about the Air Force and Barksdale AFB in order to foster public support for the base. It also serves as a forum in which Barksdale AFB commanders can solicit advice and support from our civic leaders on matters affecting their mission and Airmen.

Representatives from the local community are selected as honorary commanders, and are assigned to one of the following leaders:

- 2nd Bomb Wing Commander
- 2nd Bomb Wing Command Chief
- 2nd Mission Support Group Commander
- 2nd Operations Group Commander
- 2nd Maintenance Group Commander
- 2nd Medical Group Commander
- Operational Support Squadron Commander
- 20th Bomb Squadron Commander
- 96th Bomb Squadron Commander
- 11th Bomb Squadron Commander
- Maintenance Squadron Commander
- Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander
- Munitions Squadron Commander
- Civil Engineer Squadron Commander
- Comptroller Squadron Commander
- Communications Squadron Commander
- Security Forces Squadron Commander
- Force Support Squadron Commander
- Contracting Squadron Commander
- Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander
- Dental Squadron Commander
- Operational Medical Readiness Squadron Commander
- Healthcare Operations Squadron Commander
- 49Test and Evaluation Squadron Commander
- 340th Weapons Squadron Commander
- 26th Operational Weather Squadron Commander

Honorary commanders will serve a **two-year term**.

While the agenda for the program will vary, at a minimum it will include an annual tour as well as various events throughout the year designed to expose members to the missions and Airmen at Barksdale AFB.

The success of the Honorary Commander Program is dependent on the level of communication, engagement, and commitment of **both** the honorary commanders and their assigned commander. Commanders are encouraged to invite their honorary commanders to on-base functions and special events, such as awards ceremonies, changes of command and holiday events. Additionally, honorary commanders are encouraged to invite their commander to events with their organization/business.

Cost: Meals during certain events may or may not be covered by the base. Meal costs will be noted on event invitations. Additionally, prior to the induction ceremony, new members will have the option to purchase a 2BW Honorary Commander polo and 2BW pin to wear to various events during their term. This is optional and by no means a requirement to be an honorary commander.

At the end of the term, our goal is to have forged mutually beneficial relationships between the base and influential leaders in the community who will continue to serve as our ambassadors and be open and willing to discuss issues of mutual importance in the years to come.

If you have any questions concerning your nomination, please call or email the 2BW Public Affairs office at 318-456-3309 or 2bw.pa@us.af.mil. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

**TEAM BARKSDALE
HONORARY COMMANDER PROGRAM
BIOGRAPHICAL WORKSHEET***

Instructions: Please fill in the following information. Any additional comments you have concerning your background would be helpful to the 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs office and our reference files. Please attach a formal resume to this worksheet or attach additional biographical data.

FULL NAME/GO-BY NAME:

IS THE APPLICANT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?

SPOUSE'S NAME/GO-BY NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION (BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS & PHONE):

DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT'S POSITION/OCCUPATION AND COMPANY:

EDUCATION:

LIST COMMUNITY, REGIONAL, STATE OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS WITH WHICH THE APPLICANT IS INVOLVED AND DETAIL SPECIFIC ROLES WITH EACH:

CHARACTERIZE THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIR FORCE, SPACE FORCE AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

IS THE APPLICANT DRAWING ANY TYPE OF FEDERAL PAYCHECK (WORKING OR RETIRED), OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR? IF YES EXPLAIN BELOW.

DESCRIBE WHY THE APPLICANT IS INTERESTED IN THE HONORARY COMMANDER PROGRAM AND WHY HE/SHE WOULD BE A GOOD FIT FOR THE PROGRAM:

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU CONSIDER IMPORTANT TO NOTE (THIS MAY INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO RECENT PUBLICATIONS, NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES, WAYS IN WHICH APPLICANTS CAN SUPPORT THE BASE, ETC).