ADA Cadence Calls

Here's the best you've ever heard time to judge 'em first through third

Military music boasts a long heritage that stems from the tomtoms and conch horns of primitive tribes to the flutes whose notes marked time for Greek phalanxes and from Joshua's ramshorns that tumbled the walls of Jericho to the sudden, terrible blast of Gideon's three hundred trumpets which put the Midianites to rout. Roman legions matched their conquering tread to the cadence of the curved busine and the tuba, and the massed brass of the Crusaders answered the challenge of Saracen musicians. Music has never failed to accompany the unending series of conflicts that followed. Not even the tumult of the guns has managed to silence it.

Marching tunes have always boosted morale and stirred emotion in the troops. Every American war has brought with it new marching songs, such as "Yankee Doodle," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home, "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and "Over There." By the end of World War II all sorts of marching songs reflecting both people and their culture, and events as

they were experienced by the troops, appeared as songs and as cadences on the drill field. These include songs like "Anchors Aweigh," "The Caisson Song" and "Wild Blue Yonder" and marching songs like "Gee Mom I Wanna Go Home" and "They Say That in the Army" to name only a few.

Toward the end of World War II a new development in cadence counting surfaced among the armed forces - the "Jody Call" or "Sound Off." In May 1944, as exhausted marching troops were returning to their barracks at Fort Slocum, New York, a rhythmic chant was heard from somewhere in the columns. Other soldiers gradually joined in and their dragging feet picked up momentum. Thus, the "Duckworth Chant" began. The chants were named after their creator Private Willie Duckworth.

No story explaining how the "Duckworth Chant" or "Sound Off" became known as "Jody Call" or "Jodies" exists. Jody is the civilian who enjoys the comforts of civilization while the serviceman or woman is training in the field or stationed overseas.

The original chant contains the familiar "Sound Off" chorus which was repeated after each verse. Since 1944 hundreds of short verses have been used, making the "Jody Call" the most well-known cadence call of all time.

Jody Chorus	
Sound Off	(By individual)
1 - 2	(By troops)
Sound Off	(By individual)
3 - 4	(By troops)
Cadence Count	(By individual)
1 - 2 - 3 - 4, 1 - 23-4	(By troops)

This spring, in an attempt to get air defenders marching to the same drummer, so to speak, the Office of the Chief of Air Defense Artillery (OCADA) sent a request to the field asking air defenders what songs or chants they were marching to. Those responses are listed on the following pages. After reading all of the songs write the number of your first. second and third choices on the coupon on Page 40. Send the coupon to Office, Chief of ADA, ATTN: ATSA-AC-FP, Fort Bliss, TX 79916.

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In Fort Bliss, Texas, USA, Is the home of America's ADA. Where soldiers are all that they can be, Serving our nation with dignity.

We're trained to be solid as a rock, Maintain our vigilence around the clock. We shoot, move, and communicate, To send a lot of enemy to the Pearly Gate.

There's Patriot, Chaparral, and Vulcan too, Hawk and Stinger can annihilate you. We're getting restless from sitting still, Send us to Lebanon to prove our skill. We're the "First to Fire" and I'll tell you why, We take charge and never say die. The future battle is the ultimate test, ADA will show why we're the best.

Everybody knows we're tough, Don't know when we've had enough. We're going all the way, this you can bet, ADA doesn't know the meaning of "quit."

Keeping the skies friendly and free, Is the job of the Air Defense Artillery. Until we're needed we will wait, When America calls we won't hesitate.

- SFC Juan O. Gutierrez

Hey we're gonna sing a little Jody now Sing along with me, I'm gonna show you how Sing about being all you can be Sing about the Air Defense Artillery.

Air Defense soldier, you're the best Rough and tough and trained enough to pass the test Ready to go anywhere, and I'm no liar — Ready when you've got to be the first to fire.

Air Defense soldier, lookin' strac Where you goin' with your Stinger on your back "Goin' where the Army's goin', to the front Gonna give some cov'rage to the tank and grunt."

Air Defense soldier, lookin' number one Where you goin with your Chap and with your gun "I'm goin' where the U.S. Army needs me, friend 'Cause there's some soldiers out there who I'm gonna defend."

ADA soldier, slow down to a walk And talk to me a little bit about your Hawk He said, "I'm sorry, buddy, but I can't slow down My Hawks and I have got to cover lots of ground."

ADA soldier with your Patriot
I hear you got some stuff that's really hot
If someone's flyin' at me, gonna cut no slack
I'm first to fire — I'm gonna drop him in his tracks.

I'm a duck hunter, and he's the duck And if he fires at me you know he's out of luck He's gonna get the message if he comes my way 'Cause I'm the first to fire, you know I'm ADA.

- Lt. Col. Doug Hemphill

3

We're ADA we work with rhythm So listen up, 'cause we're gonna sing some. Our jobs are hard, we work around the clock We never give in, and we never stop.

ADA Body Rock
The only thing to get you around the clock
ADA Body Rock
Won't let you quit and you never stop

24 hours, 7 days a week
Keep the system on the air don't worry 'bout sleep.
We guard the skies all night and day
ADA Body Rock is here to stay.

Now what's that thing that get-cha round the clock Won't let you quit, won't let you stop It's a new rhythm and it's very hot, We call this ADA Body Rock.

ADA is kind of slick ADA we never quit ADA we can rhyme ADA can do the double-time.

We can run 5 miles and we won't stop 'Cause we got the ADA Body Rock.

- Sgt. Clifton M. Bynum

32nd AADCOM wanted to keep the peace — So they went out one day and hired attack geese.

Honk (left), honk (right),
Honk (left), honk (right)! (Refrain)

Had one mean goose workin' up at Hardheim, Couldn't sneak past 'em, night or anytime.

(Refrain)

He wore BDU, brass and a combat boot But he hadda honk real loud cuz he couldn't shoot!

(Refrain

His name was "Drumstick," and he looked real mean, Carrying round two Stingers and wearin' Army green!

(Refrain

So keep in mind, if you come to Hardheim's site, An' tangle with ol' Drumstick, you'll get a fight.

(Refrain)

So it's clear to all, that with geese like him, If the Soviets come, 32nd AADCOM'll sure whip them! (Refrain)

- Capt. David B. Hamilton

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I am ADA (repeat)
This is how we start our day (repeat)
Up in the morning and out the rack
We run two miles on the PT track.
Knocking in doors, kicking in walls
ADA troops get it all.

I am ADA All the way ADA Every day

I get up every morning about a quarter to four I see my First Sergeant standing at my door. I say good morning with a big wide grin He says get down soldier and knock out ten.

'Cause I'm ADA All the way ADA Every day

I wake up in the morning with running on my mind All I want to do is double time. I get a flashlight and a safety vest We do PT in the leaning rest.

'Cause we're ADA All the way Safety Jody every day.

- SSgt. Slater L. Jackson

Listen up soldiers I got a story to tell About an ADA unit that's doing well, They run all day and they work all night This ADA unit is quite all right.

Chaparral, Redeye, and Stinger now Are three hot weapons that will turn you out, The Hawk, the Patriot, the Vulcan too Don't mess with them or you'll be through.

Now it's time to end my story right I'm ADA soldier and I'm dyno-mite The ADA motto is one you can tell, "First to Fire" and we do that well.

- SSgt. Donald F. Knight

7

Engine roaring, gonna take a trip C-130 rolling down the strip 1SG has us all take a seat We'll be gone while others sleep.

'Cause we're first to fire
Day and night
First to fire (Refrain)
Do it right

Patriot ripple one and two
Hawk standin' by for shoot look shoot
Got C/V waiting in the wings
And Stinger crewmen doin' their thing

(Refrain)

We train hard at NTC
Second to none and can't be beat
Up every morning by the break of day
Air Defense still leadin' the way.

(Refrain)

Allies are part of the team With Air Force, Navy, and Marines If the enemy comes that'll be unwise 'Cause ADA will clear the skies.

(Refrain)

- SSgt. Leamon D. Montgomery Jr.

8

I don't know but I've been told, ADA is good as gold.

We work all day and we work all night, Shooting down aircraft while in flight.

Dodging bullets and chewing nails, ADA defenders are tough as hell.

Rucksacks, buttpacks walking 'cross the land. Air Defense Daddies gonna make a stand.

We'll fight our way to the promised land, With our weapons in our hands.

- Sgt. Dane D. Rogers

Say Hey ADA Say Hey we are all the way

We are at battle stations before its light We are on the job all through the night

We are first to fire because we are always ready Keep that trigger finger nice and steady

We are lean and mean and fit to fight We are ready to show the ADA might

We put rounds on the ground and missiles in the air Mess with me if you dare

Killing planes is my game Air Defense Artillery is my name

Say Hey say Hey ADA all the way

- 1st Sgt. Nathan E. B. Thomas Jr.

10

Fired all my birds, so I went to G4 — Said, "Hey, sir, gotta have some more!"
He looked at me and grinned with pride, Said, "Sure, son, I got 200 more in hide."
Loaded 'em up and I heard the G4 laugh — He asked, "How'd they fit on that deuce an' a half?"

Needed some more troops, so I went to G1, Said, "Hey, Sir, need some folks, cuz I got none!" He looked at me and bellowed his retort, Said, "Sure, son, as soon as I get a casualty report!" Filled it out and before I could say anymore, In through the door stormed at least 104!

Needed some maps, so I went to G2, Said, "Hey, Sir, tell me what you can do." He looked at me and said with a roar, "Take these two — I ain't got no more!" Ran outside and into the truck the maps I tossed, Drove aroun' the corner an' promptly got lost!

Needed a plan, so I went to G3, Said, "Hey, Sir, what can you do for me?" He turned to me and I felt I was dead, He threw the TSOP and bounced it off my head! Picked it up, made sure I ran out the door — Never went back, cuz I didn't want no more.

Needed some paper, so I went to SGS, Said, "Hey, Sir, I'm all out, I must confess!" He turned to me and with a deafening yell, Said, "Why didn't you RSVP the Hail an' Farewell?" Explained to him I'd never heard of it before, After leavin' that place, I was glad to go to war!

- Capt. David B. Hamilton

11

High power (HIPIR), IKE-WAR (ICWAR), A-D-P, Air De-fense Ar-till-er-y.

If General Patton were alive today, I know exactly what he'd say.

He'd say, "Take this tank and give me a Hawk, And I'll teach those pilots how to walk."

- Maj. John Wilson

12

Up in the morning at the break of day Time to sing about ADA. Patriot, C-V and Hawk Listen to us, we're gonna rock!

ADA, let's hear it!
ADA, let's cheer it!
ADA, let's shout it!
ADA!

(with increasing volume)

Tell those grunts in the muck and mire That ADA is FIRST TO FIRE! Protecting them from the overhead threat Trained to fight, the very best yet!

We're duck hunters, that's our name, To fight and return — that's our game. First to fire in the battle's fray, We're ADA soldiers all the way.

Got a new system we call the FAAD, Got to tell you its really BAD! Line-of-sight and FOG-M too, Look out hostiles, we can see you.

Up in the morning at the break of day, Time to sing about ADA. C-V, Hawk, FAAD, Patriot, Those are our systems. Boy, we're HOT!

ADA, let's hear it!
ADA, let's cheer it!
ADA, let's shout it!
ADA!

(with increasing volume)

- Suzann Tedesco

13

We have a weapon that's for hire ADA missiles are "first to fire"

We are "first to fire" and that's the only way So be all you can be in the ADA

Hey! Hey! A-D-A! Hey! Hey! Stay that way!

Fire them low or fire them high Fire from the ground or fire from the sky

We are ADA and what do we do We support the Forces through and through

We are "first to fire" we've beat all the rest From DA to Crete we've passed the test All the Armed Forces know we are the best

Yes, it's true we're a class act But we are ADA and that's a fact

First to fire is a lot to say But we have to be good to stay that way

Hey! Hey! A-D-A! Hey! Hey! Stay that way!

- SFC Gilbert D. Johnson

Air Defense Artillery,
Is the branch you want to be. (Refrain)
"First to Fire" is what we say,
Proud to be in the ADA!

Fort Bliss, Texas is our home post, Quality soldiers who care the most. Training future leaders is our job too, Ensuring they know what to do.

(Refrain)

Stinger, Vulcan, Chaparral too, Making our enemies sure feel blue. Hawk and Patriot like the rest, Are ADA systems and they're the best!

(Refrain)

So watch the skies all ADA, Keep them safe all night and day. Stand proud and taller than the rest, You're an ADA soldier and you're the best!

(Refrain)

- Capt. Leon W. Hojnicki

15

Mech battalion needs the freedom to fight Air Defense Artillery is gonna see to that.

'Cause we're First to Fire
Ain't no threat that we can't beat
Clear the skies
And make the enemy retreat.

They try to come in and we knock 'em all down Enemy jets end up in pieces on the ground

(Refrain)

Friendly air base launching aircraft from the rear With ADA protection, man, there ain't no need to fear

(Refrain)

Gunner's in the tub and search the PTL Fills the sky with metal sending enemy to hell.

(Refrain)

- Capt. Michael D. Slotnick

16

Air Defense officers say we're light We're here to tell you we're ready to fight

ADA FIGHTER

We can carry 70 pounds on our back Day or night we like it like that

ADA FIGHTER

Air Defense soldiers salute with pride We love our country that's the reason why

ADA FIGHTER

We paint our face and wear mops on our head So we can take cover and stop the enemy dead

ADA FIGHTER

- Spec. Eric E. Kidwell

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(to the tune of 1SG, 1SG Can't You See?)

Vulcan soldier, don't you hear? Low mover, slow mover comin' near Raise your barrels up to the sky Hit'em with a burst as they pass by

First to fire, first to fight
Pilots zoom away in fright (Refrain)
Set up, lock on, shoot 'em in the air
When they're on the ground we'll sort 'em there

Stinger crewman watchin' on a hill Friend or foe he can tell 'em well Round on your shoulder, BCU is hot Put 'em on the ground with just one shot!

(Refrain)

Chaparral track movin' in the night Get set up before first light Chaparral gunner ready with the FLIR Knock 'em down before they know you're there

(Refrain)

CWAR and HIPIR on a slope RO/TCO at the scope Finding targets and firing first You know you got 'em when you hear tone burst

(Refrain)

Patriot radars workin' as a team Flyin' at us is a bad bad dream Nine birds goin' out looking for a track Mass raid killer fills the sky with flak

(Refrain)

Duster, Redeye, .50 cal quad Don't see them much but they were bad Movin' to the future confident and free Born from the Coast Artillery

(Refrain)

Hey there Armor and Infantry Together you're a mighty team But you can't do it all without me The Air Defense Artillery

- Capt. Wayne J. VanGorden

18

(Sing at double time)

Way back in 1824
Artillery was organized at Fort Monroe
Coast Artillery became the name
Laid the foundation for our claim to fame.

ADA Here to stav

(Refrain)

Train to win

In two world wars we defended the skies Philippines, Korea, Vietnam, we replied "Proud to serve" reporting from fields and farms Bold soldiers pride of the combat arms.

(Refrain)

The mission of the air defense is clearly set Destroy, nullify, or reduce the air threat Redeye and Stinger battle camouflaged Nullifies the enemy of espionage.
For Chaparral and Vulcan when the enemy is met
Follows through with force to reduce the air threat
Herc, Hawk, and Patriot the heavyweights
Destroy the enemy with power of earthquakes.

(Refrain)

We've got modernized equipment, state of the art, "First to Fire" ever ready to do our part.
Fort Bliss, Texas home of ADA
Air Defense Artillery is here to stay.

- SSgt. Melvin Douglas

19

I'm big, I'm bad, now can'tcha see —
I'm sure ya' got no desire to mess with me!
You know my name, no need to inquire,
It's ADA an' I'm the First to Fire!
Get outta my way, you Infantry wimp,
'Fore I break yo' leg an' make you limp!
Then kick yo' face an' make sure it hurts,
Don'tcha know I wuz trained by Colonel Kurtz!
Got Hawks in my han' and Stingers on my back,
Get outta my face — gonna cut 'cha no slack!
I'm ADA now, the best you'll find —
Don't anger me, I'm one of a kind!

- Capt. David B. Hamilton

20

Dad was in the Army, Sister (brother) was in the Navy, Mama was a jarhead, ADA's the way I earn my bread.

Sound off 1-2 Sound off 3-4 (Refrain) Break it on down now 1, 2, 3, 4, 1...2...3, 4

Spent some time across the water, Came on back without a quarter, 32nd AADCOM is proud and true, ADA is made for me and you.

(Refrain)

ADA all the way, ADA is here to stay, SHORAD ready to scour the skies, HIMAD says "if it flies it dies."

(Refrain)

- Capt. A. E. Stearns

21

We're ready in the morning And ready at night Got guns on hold And missiles on tight

I can tell a friend And I can tell a foe I can tell 'em when To let the missiles go I find them with my eye
Or I find them on my screen
I shoot 'em down
I'm a lean and mean

We rule the skies Won't let them get through With our weapon systems Old and new

Got Patriot
The latest thing
Of flying objects
It's the King

Got reliable Hawk Been around awhile Knock 'em out About 6 miles

Got a missile They call the Chap That low-flying plane Going get a zap

Got a Vulcan Wall of lead Fifty rounds a second They be dead

Got Stinger on my left Stinger on my right Stinger on a pedestal Ready to fight

Don't you know I'm firing first If you come at me Expect the worst

The skies are mine You'll hit the ground You just bit off Another ADA round

I'm in the front I'm a'guarding the rear I knock 'em dead Far and near

I maintain 'em Keep 'em ready to go AMV's an' tracks Don't you know

I shoot 'em quick I reload 'em fast The enemy planes They just can't last

Let me tell you pilots
In the enemy zone
If you take off
You won't be coming home

Listen up and listen twice I'm gonna give you a little advice HIMAD, SHORAD coming down Best leave your planes on the ground

They choose the best And train us right Put us on the systems And let us fight

ADA is everywhere Fighting or training I don't care Korea, Bliss, or Germ-a-nee White Sands, Redstone, ASP I'm the first to fire, that's my line
I'm shooting accurate and hitting fine
So all you folks, getta outa my way
Move right and left for the ADA

- Lt. Col. James H. Rosenblatt

22

Air Defense Artillery Of the best I wanna be

Friendly skies you'll always see First to fire at the enemy

What goes up (yeah) must come down But you'll be safe here on the ground

Hooks and Hounds and Hips and Hinds Got my Stinger right by my side

Fitters and Fishbeds, Floggers too I gotta missile just waitin' for you

You don't see foreign birds around here 'Cause our high-tech they do fear

So hold 'em up an' hold 'em high ADA soldiers with an eye on the sky

With our radar we gotta romance We blow 'em away at the first chance

Now Sgt. Rock, he ain't no Joe He said ADA is the way to go

- MSgt. Bruce W. Hills

23

We all know that it's a fact, Air Defense is where it's at.

Pulling duty night and day, Keeping skies clear all the way.

Fire that missile in the sky, Enemies in the way will die.

When it comes to who's the best, ADA beats all the rest.

We all know that it's a fact, ADA is where it's at!

- Capt. Ralph Merill

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Stomp your left and drag your right, ADA is out of sight.

Stomp your left and drag your right, ADA is First to Fight!

Am I right or wrong, You're right.

We're the ones who guard the skies, Waiting for an enemy surprise.

On our guard both day and night, Swift and Sure, we're First to Fight.

When I'm old and when I'm gray, Don't you take my Stinger away. When I die and when I'm gone,
There'll be ADA soldiers to carry on.

- SFC Eugene R. Maharry

25

Up in the morning fore day All I hear is ADA

Missileman missileman shoot 'em down From the sky, right down to the ground

Infantry Infantry can't you see ADA is right for me

Linebacker and Stinger too They can't be like me and you

Airborne Airborne not today ADA is where I'll stay

ADA every day, First to fire is what they say, Colonel, Colonel can't you see ADA is right for me.

- SFC Kirkpatrick

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Lock your doors and hide from sight
The ADA soldiers are fix'n to fight
Standin' tall; we're lean and mean
Air Defense soldiers of the green machine

ADA faster and higher
ADA first to fire (Refrain)

No such thing as air to ground Cuz ADA soldiers are the best around We never run scared from an air attack We step on up and give it back

(Refrain)

We're not afraid of enemy fighters Cuz we are always first to fire Death on the front and death in the rear Enemy planes get no slack here

(Refrain)

Our calling card is often found Burning rubble on the battleground Infantry has got nothin' to fear ADA is always near

(Refrain)

When they see a Stinger crew They'll be lookin' for a parachute When they see one of our Hawk crews They'll be need'n somethin' new to do

(Refrain)

When they see a Patriot crew They'll be wish'n they had never flew When they see a Chaparral crew They'll be wish'n they were ADA too

(Refrain)

When they see a Vulcan crew They'll be runnin' from me and you When they see how smooth we move They'll be marching to the ADA groove

(Refrain)

- Spec. Scott Chandler

27

Air Defense Artillery
Come and run and fly with me
Come and see me soar away
Aiming for that peaceful day
Air Defense Artillery
Come and run and fly with me

Air Defense Artillery
ADA is good for me
Aiming high and aiming straight
"First to Fire" never late
Air Defense Artillery
ADA is good for me

Air Defense Artillery
Training is the way for me
Practice, practice every day
Training safely all the way
Air Defense Artillery
Training is the way for me.

- SSgt. James Von Hatten

28

(To the tune of "We Will Rock You")

A-D-A will rock you. A-D-A will rock you.

You got mud on your face, a big disgrace, ADA is gonna put you back into your place.

A-D-A will rock you. A-D-A will rock you.

We will sing real loud, walk real proud, Kick your face all over the place.

A-D-A will rock you. A-D-A will rock you.

We got Stinger, Redeye and Chaparral, Vulcan and Hawk just as well, and we're putting those planes all on the ground.

A-D-A will rock you. A-D-A will rock you.

- Sgt. James Carr

29

Heaven is great, to my surprise There's a lot of ADA guys There stood St. Peter beginning to holler They got crossed cannons, on their collar

Bo Diddly, Bo Diddly can't you see This ADA life is best for me Lift your head and hold it high Air Defense Artillery is passing by Lift your head and hold it proud They're running hard and yelling loud

HIMAD, LOMAD, SHORAD too This PT is good for you

I don't know but I been told 6/43 is good as gold

Look sharp, be sharp is our cry At Fort Bliss, we aim for the sky Hey, hey, what do you say Doing our best in every way

I don't know but I been told
The infantry thinks it's mighty bold
They don't know what the ADA can do
We are proud of our history too.

- 1st Sgt Ralph E. Moats

30

Up on a mountain top in the early morning We receive message of an air raid warning Radars are a ready we're searching the skies For enemy airplanes that fly by

A-D-A protecting the skies (Refrain)
Leading edge of battle keeping soldiers alive

Patriot, Stinger, Hawk and C/V We protect division corps priorities Weapons hold, tight or free First to fire at the enemy

(Refrain)

Patriot, Stinger, Hawk and C/V
These are the weapons that keep our skies free
Air Defense Artillery
Is the only branch for me

(Refrain)

- Maj. Harry A. Krimkowitz

(Slow to the tune of "Here We Go") (Fast to the tune of "Run a Little, Run a Little, Run a Little More, Hey!")

Air Defense Artillery Is the only Like for me.

From the Fulda Gap To the DMZ Protecting Armor And the Infantry.

"First to Fire"
Is our cry
Enemy air will learn
If it flies, it dies.

Get them first, Before they get us Accuracy Is a must.

- Anonymous

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Now that you have read the entries make your choices on this ballot and mail to:

Office, Chief of ADA, ATTN: ATSA-AC-FB, Fort Bliss, TX 79916.

No. ______First Choice
No. _____Second Choice
No. _____Third Choice

The author of the winning entry will receive a new "first to fire" plaque and a letter of appreciation from the chief of ADA.