



Ambassador Award Winner 2025



The 2025 Ambassador Award winner is Rohara Pavae+ (Pavorotto K.A. x Country Gem EA), an 8-year-old Chestnut Arabian Mare owned by Barbara Alder Zimmerman.

Lucy as she is affectionately known around her barn after Lucille Ball from the “I Love Lucy” tv show truly represents the Arabian breed through her striking beauty and versatility in the show ring to her calm and gentle nature with young children and the elderly. To her owner and those that know her, they describe her as a true Arabian that epitomizes the horses who lived in the tents with their Bedouin families.

Rohara Pavae is able to “rev up” as Barbara says, when asked for at the show, but as soon as she is visiting schools or nursing homes she is calm, still, and lowers her head for them to hug and pet her and feel her calming presence throughout their body. Her temperament is perfect for anyone who meets her in public and has broken the stereotype of Arabians for many people who have met her.



Lucy’s accomplishments aren’t just in public appearances, but she has also



been shown successfully at the local, regional and national level of competition in many different divisions including; Ranch Riding, Trail, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, and Halter. She also loves children with special needs and to watch her with them and the elderly she has a softer eye and looks at them with care. Which also enhances her compaibility to produce excellent progeny as she has one foal that is now a four year old gelding that is being shown himself and her second foal is due April 2026.

She presented the American flag at the 2025 US Nationals finals night, and Barbara introduced her to several visitors who came to the show for a TAIL tour. Lucy’s ability to connect with individuals, her beauty, talent, willingness, heart, and intelligence is what truly makes her a great ambassador of the Arabian breed.

AHA wishes Lucy and Barbara the best of luck and Congratulations again to our 2025 Ambassador Award winner Rohara Pavae+ and her owner Barbara Zimmerman!





The 2025 Ambassador Award was also awarded to Taylor Made (HI Voltage x KJ Enjoli) a 26-year-old Grey Arabian Mare owned by Kristen Martell.

Taylor and Kristen met on Kristen's 12th birthday when Taylor Made was a little 4-year-old green broke mare. Since then, they spent 22 years together making a variety of adventures, memories, milestones, and achievements from California and even following Kristen to Colorado for college. Taylor was a true ambassador to the Arabian breed her whole life not only competing in NATRC distance events, western dressage, drill team, and more!

Though many of their years together were spent on the trails, crossing water and galloping along beaches, they also competed with a mounted competitive drill team in Northern California call the Amigos De Anza, which actually consisted mostly of Arabian horses and apart from competitions at rodeos and other venues, the team would participate in special events like as a color guard celebrating San Francisco's birthday and riding with the SF Mounted Police and performing at the Western States Horse Expo. Where they would perform as a team in the Arabian breed demonstration, to showcase the true versatility of the breed. They would demonstrate the Arabian breed's athleticism and beauty, while boldly carrying flags at a high speed with precision under the stadium lights!



Taylor and Kristen also competed in Arabian shows during Kristen's youth career as members of the Diablo Arabian Horse Association and Region 3, mostly in Hunt Seat Equitation and mounted native costume, but they would dabble in Hunter Pleasure, Trail and Sport horse classes. Securing several regional top five and Scottsdale top 10's, Kristen's greatest achievement as a youth with Taylor was in 2009 winning the Hunt Seat Eq JTR 14-17 class at Scottsdale. A title where many wrote the pair off as Taylor was a little horse and Kristen was too tall, but their relationship together was truly special and incredible. Leading to the East Bay Times writing an article about the achievement, "A girl and her horse: It's Taylor Made for success like Seabiscuit."



In 2010, Kristen and Taylor represented AHA and the US National Park Service by riding with an equestrian unit in the Rose Parade where they were able to carry the American flag, getting special permission as typically the Marine Corps Color guard is the only equestrian unit allowed to carry the flag in the Rose Parade. Taylor carried the flag in the parade with beauty and poise with her long white Arabian tail dragging behind.



Fast forward to Taylor's later years in Colorado, where Kristen was teaching the next generation of riders with her as a lesson horse, being an inspiration for Kristen's business logo, but also teaching riders of a wide variety of ages and abilities. From first rides, advanced lessons, and taking riders their first horse shows, Taylor Made was incredibly intelligent and full of vitality, teaching her riders so much and holding them accountable to help them develop as horsemen and women and just like Lucy the other Ambassador award winner this year, she changed the minds and hearts of others towards their thoughts on the Arabian breed.



Taylor even helped Kristen raise her daughter Ramona, through teaching Ramona to ride but also helping her grow in confidence even taking her to her first show in October 2024. Sadly, Kristen had to say goodbye to Taylor June of this year, but the partnership, memories and helping develop Kristen into the horsewoman she is today will live on. Kristen had every intention to nominate Taylor before her passing and in her honor. However, in true grace Taylor knew it was her time. Further demonstrating her character as an Arabian breed ambassador with intelligence, beauty, talent and athleticism.

AHA wishes Taylor and Kristen many blessings and Congratulations again to our 2025 Ambassador Award winner Taylor Made and her owner Kristen Martell!

