

FRIENDS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS (FOCA)

Who can be in FOCA?

- FOCA is a 75% Veterans organization. General membership is open to Soldiers who have served in the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) – past and present. Family Members can join, but non-veterans cannot exceed 25% of the membership.

What is the purpose of FOCA?

- Support the welfare and morale of the 95th CA BDE (ABN) family.
- Elevate the personal and professional development of the 95th CA BDE (ABN) through effective networking and communication.
- Promote the excellence within the Active Duty Civil Affairs force and the 95th CA BDE (ABN) through recognition programs.
- Provide financial assistance to FOCA member Families through a scholarship program.
- Memorialize Soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country.

FOCA Programs

- Scholarship Fund: provide scholarships to Family Members of FOCA through a competitive process.
- Soldier Programs: recognize Soldiers within the AC CA Branch and MOS who demonstrate excellence within the Professional Military Education system; recognize Soldiers and NCO excellence within the 95th CA BDE (ABN) and its Battalions quarterly and annually.
- Family Programs: assist company-level FRGs through unsolicited gifts/donations.
- Memorial Fund: Purchased a Memorial Stone representing the 95th CA BDE (ABN) at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum; memorialize Soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country.

What has FOCA done so far?

- Provided unsolicited donations to FRGs: Donated over \$5,000.
- Purchased and donated perpetual plaques to recognize the top AC graduates in PME courses and the Soldier/NCO of the Quarter/Year at Brigade and Battalion level: Donated over \$4,000.
- Purchased a Memorial Stone at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum: \$3,500.
- Provided administrative and financial support to the Brigade activation ceremony: Donated over \$1,000.
- Provided administrative/fund-raising support to a Soldier that suffered a stroke: Over \$3,000 to the Soldier.
- Awarded two scholarships to FOCA Family Members – Provided \$1,300.
- Provided the catering for a Memorialization Reception.
- Established a website to provide information on the organization – www.FriendsofCA.com
- Established a FOCA Store to provide affordable Brigade and Battalion memorabilia.

What is FOCA doing now?

- Planning and providing administrative support to the Global Civil Affairs Conference (17-20 March 2008) and the Brigade Formal (20 March 2008).
- Planning the 2008 Around the World Run to be held on 19 April 2008.
- Working to expand all programs to meet the needs of its membership.

What can you do?

- Join the organization – membership is FREE.
- Volunteer to serve as a Board Member, Committee Chair, or committee member to continue to expand the organization and meet the goals and objectives of the organization.