



# AIR COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

Supporting Air Commandos: Past, Present, and Future

**WHO: AIR COMMANDO ASSOCIATION**

**WHAT: INTERNATIONAL 501(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**WHY: TO EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, HONOR EXCELLENCE, AND ASSIST**

**WHERE: ANY TIME – ANY PLACE**

The Air Commando Association is organized along four lines of operation:

The Air Commando Association (ACA) educates all on the mission and people of the Air Force and joint special operations forces. Our programs include hosting an annual symposium to enhance leadership development of still-serving Air Commandos, publishing three issues of the Air Commando Journal each year, and providing six academic scholarships to high school students.

The ACA advocates to help resolve the unmet needs of Air Commandos and families. This includes raising awareness of stressors on the force and families. Advocacy also encourages policies and programs that help resource, build, and sustain the resiliency of Air Commandos and families. We engage elected officials and staffs, industry leaders, non-profit organizations, and private individuals.

The ACA honors excellence by recognizing individual and team accomplishments of our Air Commandos. This includes inducting legendary Airmen into the Air Commando Hall of Fame; teaming with AFSOC to provide AFSOC level individual awards for superior leadership, attainment of educational goals and operational achievements; and sponsoring the Air Force Special Operations Command's Operational Squadron of the Year award all at our annual Convention.

The ACA, through the Air Commando Foundation (ACF) assists Air Commandos and families by helping to rapidly resolve their urgent needs unmet by the government and other agencies. Families of our fallen and wounded in action remain our no-fail priority. The ACF provides financial support for Air Commandos with visible and invisible wounds, serious setbacks, family crises, and other needs. Since its inception in 2012, the ACF has provided monetary support to more than 347 Air Commandos and family members from individual donations of as little as \$150 up to \$15,000 totaling over \$500,000. Most recently, we initiated Operation Warm Heart in 2022, and in 2023 provided a \$20,000 donation administered by Command Chiefs across the Command for airmen and families struggling during the holidays.