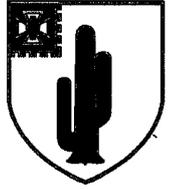




REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> BATTALION, 35<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT  
3<sup>D</sup> BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 25<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION  
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HI 96857-6000



July 16, 2012

Welcome to the Cacti Battalion!

Aloha and congratulations on your assignment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. On behalf of the Soldiers, non-commissioned officers, and officers of the "Cacti", we would like to welcome you to the best Light Infantry Battalion in the Army; a prestigious Battalion with a distinguished history. I am sure you will find your assignment here in Hawaii both professionally and personally rewarding.

You will soon be assigned a sponsor who will contact you in the near future. Your sponsor's primary duty is to help welcome you to the Cacti Battalion and ensure a seamless integration. It is important to keep in contact with your sponsor so they may help facilitate your needs during your transition to Schofield Barracks. This is especially important if you are traveling with dependent family members. Your sponsor will contact you for your travel arrangements before you depart your current duty station. They will meet you at the airport, assist you in getting settled into temporary lodging, and provide you with information on what to expect when you arrive to Schofield Barracks. **In order for us to effectively assist you in your arrival, please fill out and return the attached DA Form 5434, Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet.** Please contact the Battalion Adjutant, 1LT Marcelle Andrews at [Marcelle.e.andrew.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Marcelle.e.andrew.mil@mail.mil) or (808) 655-9051 should you have any questions concerning the form or questions about your assignment.

Prior to your arrival, you should make reservations with the Inn at Schofield Barracks at (808) 624-9650 or Tripler Guest House at (808) 839-2336. If both locations are unable to accommodate you, the Inn at Schofield Barracks will provide you a Statement of Non-Availability (SNA) upon arrival and a list of authorized alternate locations. You have the option to stay at alternate government housing or local hotel lodging. (You will need a SNA prior to choosing alternate lodging, or you may be limited in the amount you will be reimbursed for travel.) If you are an unaccompanied Sergeant (E5) you will be provided a dormitory room on Schofield Barracks. When you arrive at the Honolulu International Airport, please sign in with the Replacement Detachment desk located between baggage claim areas F and G (you will need your leave form and five copies of your PCS orders).

Please make sure to communicate your arrival time and travel accommodations to your sponsor. It is our intent that all new Cacti Soldiers be met at the airport by their sponsor.

Your assignment to Hawaii will be one of your most memorable military tours. The 25th Infantry Division enjoys a distinguished reputation and legendary heritage. We balance our tough and demanding training calendar with quality of life initiatives. Hawaii is truly a tropical paradise with countless opportunities and adventure for everyone. Please take advantage of these unique opportunities while you are here.

The following are helpful web pages you can view for information that will help with your move to Hawaii. You are able to sign up for housing before you arrive at the website below. Click on "Become a Resident". Depending on your orders you will need to FAX a copy of your orders and other documents to the regional office closest to your assignment - Schofield Barracks (North Region).

#### **HOUSING**

<http://www.armyhawaiifamilyhousing.com>

<http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com/> - Housing Service Office - Government Housing Off-Post

<https://www.ahrm.com> - Housing Service Office - Housing Off-Post

Most rentals do not allow pets. Pet regulation for On-Post housing stipulate that pitbulls or any type of pitbull breeding combinations such as American Pitbull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier or Staffordshire Terriers are strictly NOT ALLOWED on installation.

#### **INSTALLATION INFORMATION**

<http://www.militaryhomefront> - Installation Information - Click on Military Installations on left of menu bar. Once there you will see a map click on Hawaii and select Schofield/Shafter.

#### **COMMAND**

<http://25idl.army.mil> - 25th Infantry Division & US Army Hawaii

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/2-35-Infantry-Battalion/128001283913956> - 2-35 IN Cacti Facebook

<http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil> - Tripler Army Medical Center

#### **LODGING FACILITY**

<http://innatschofield.com> - Inn at Schofield - Temporary Lodging

<http://www.25idl.army.mil/dpw/housing/chrrs.htm> - Housing Services Office (HSO) can provide information about TLA and Hawaii BAH

[tamcbillet@shafter.army.mil](mailto:tamcbillet@shafter.army.mil) - email address for Tripler Lodging

#### **MWR HAWAII**

<http://mwrarmyhawaii.com> - MWR Hawaii Webpage - Use this website to monitor upcoming events, specials, and services offered through MWR Hawaii.

#### **PET QUARANTINE**

[http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai\\_aqs\\_info.htm](http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm) - The state of Hawaii does have an animal quarantine law

#### **ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

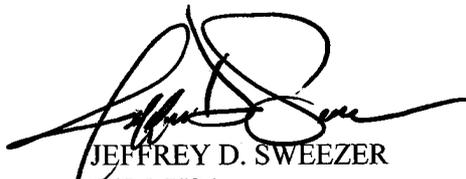
Welcome to Hawaii! The Relocation/Information & Referral Team looks forwarding to meeting you at their Newcomers' Orientation. Please call or email Mr. Frankie Salas, Relocation/Information & Referral Team, if you need further assistance at (808) 655-4227.

Again, welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. We are looking forward to your arrival. If there is anything that we can do to help you during you PCS move, feel free to contact us.

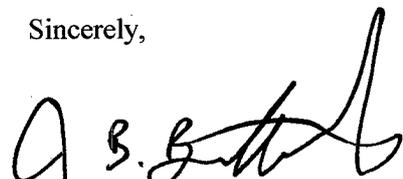
Battalion Staff Duty Desk at (808) 655-5059.

Battalion Adjutant, 1LT Marcelle Andrews at (808) 655-9051.

**"Take Arms!"**

  
JEFFREY D. SWEEZER  
CSM, USA  
Command Sergeant Major

Sincerely,

  
JAMES B. BARTHOLOMEES  
LTC, IN  
Commanding