



HISTORY OF THE 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation REGIMENT

The 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment was originally constituted on 17 June 1979 in the Regular Army as C Company, 25th Aviation Regiment, an element of the 25th Infantry Division, and activated at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. It was then inactivated 15 October 1985 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and again activated 16 January 1986 at Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii.

On 16 May 1988, 3-25th Aviation Regiment was reorganized and redesignated as C Company, 25th Aviation Regiment; concurrently relieved from assignment to the 25th Infantry Division and assigned to the 10th Mountain Division. On 15 October 1988, 3-25th Aviation Regiment was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, reorganized and redesignated 15 March 1996 as Company C, 25th Aviation Regiment; concurrently relieved from assignment to the 10th Mountain Division and assigned to the 25th Infantry Division.

On 16 November 2005, the 3d Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment was activated at Wheeler Army Airfield Hawaii in its present configuration, consisting of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, a Command Aviation Helicopter Company, a Heavy Lift Helicopter Company, an Aerial Medical Evacuation Helicopter Company, an Aviation Support Company, an Aviation Forward Support Company and an Air Traffic Services Company.

In July 2006, the Battalion deployed to Tikrit, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. TF Hammerhead operated with three additional company-sized elements. D Company, 3-58th Air Traffic Services Battalion and D Company,

114th Air Traffic Services Battalion were attached as Air Traffic Services units and C Company, 2-135th Aviation Regiment and C Company, 7-101st Aviation Regiment assigned to provide additional aerial MEDEVAC support.

In September 2009, the Battalion deployed to Tikrit, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and task organized as Task Force Hammerhead. The Hammerheads operated with three additional company size elements. F Company, 3-238th Air Traffic Services Battalion of the Indiana National Guard, F Company, 5-158th Aviation Regiment, and Company, 2-1st Aviation Regiment were attached as Air Traffic Services units in support of the Task Force Hammerhead mission set.

In January 2012, the Battalion deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and task organized as Task Force Hammerhead. The Hammerheads had 5 different National Guard MEDEVAC units, 5 different National Guard CH-47D units, and an Australian Rotary Wing detachment attached throughout the year. The Task Force was responsible for direct and general aviation support throughout Regional Commands South and Southwest.