

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Division Artillery was activated on 1 October 1941 using assets of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 8th Field Artillery Regiment, Hawaiian Division. The 25th Division Artillery was initially composed of the 8th, 64th and 89th Field Artillery Battalions formed from the 8th Field Artillery Regiment, and the 90th Field Artillery Battalion formed from the 1st Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, Hawaiian Division. On December 7th 1941 the Division Artillery barracks area came under heavy fire from attacking Japanese aircraft resulting in casualties of one killed in action and ten wounded in action as Division Artillery troops returned the fire. The 25th Div Arty went on to participate in all twenty-six campaigns of the 25th Infantry Division in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery has received a Meritorious Unit Citation, a Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations, two awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and a Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery deployed to Afghanistan in June 2004 for a one year tour of duty. Upon arrival it was given the mission of operating as a maneuver brigade task force known as Combined Task Force Thunder and was given the responsibility for Regional Command East consisting of 16 provinces in eastern Afghanistan along the Pakistan border. Task Force Thunder's main elements consisted of three infantry battalions to include the 25th Division's 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry. Initially based at Kandahar Airfield, it moved to Forward Operating Base Salerno in Khowst Province in September 2004. Besides conducting successful security and stability operations throughout Regional Command East, TF Thunder also effectively prevented insurgent attempts to disrupt the Afghani presidential elections in October 2004. For its service in Afghanistan Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation. As part of the modular conversion of the 25th Division, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Division Artillery was inactivated on 15 June 2005 after nearly 64 continuous years of service with the Tropic Lightning. On 1 October 2014 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery was reactivated at Schofield Barracks. The mission of HHB is to provide a focal point for ensuring that the field artillery battalions, which will remain assigned to the brigade combat teams, receive uniformed training and readiness direction in artillery core competencies.