



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION  
25<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION  
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HI 96857-6000

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Dear Soldier and Family Member(s),

Aloha and congratulations on your assignment to Hawaii, The Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (HHBN), 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning). This is a great Battalion and Division! You have become a valued member of our team and we welcome you and you're Family to our ranks. Your assignment to the Phoenix Battalion will be memorable with tough, realistic training balanced with personal time to discover all the unique opportunities Oahu offers in this beautiful tropical paradise.

The Phoenix Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> ID is the largest battalion in the Army, with seven subordinate commands including over 1000 Soldiers. The Battalion includes:

-Headquarters Support Company (HSC) that includes the Division Command Group, Battalion Staff, Special Staff, and Battalion support units.

-Operations Company (OPS) that includes the Division Staff sections of G3, G5, G7, G9, DIVENG, AVN, Fires, and Protection.

-Intelligence and Sustainment Company (I&S) that includes the Division Staff sections of G1, G2, G4, G8, and DIVSURG.

-Division Signal Company (DSC), which also includes the Division Staff section of the G6.

-Division Band, which supports both Division and PACOM-wide musical support operations.

-United States Army Hawaii Replacement Company (REPL), which conducts reception and integration operations for all inbound Soldiers to Schofield Barracks.

-Lightning Academy Company which trains Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Interagency, and Allied/Partnered Nations. Lightning Academy offers seven dynamic courses: The Pre-Ranger Program, Lightning Adaptive Leader Program, Air Assault, Rappel Master, Combatives Level 1 & 2, and the Jungle Operations Training Course.

Some key notes for PCSing to Hawaii: lodging at the Schofield Inn is convenient for both service member and Family while in-processing. Please call (808) 624-9650 to make reservations upon notification of PCSing to Hawaii to confirm availability and guarantee lodging on post. Service members are required to read the Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) requirements and constraints. For more information and to review the Joint Federal Travel Regulations on TLA go to <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil.site.faqtla.cfm>.

Hawaii is rabies-free, and in order to maintain this environment the quarantine law is stringent. Service members and Families that are PCSing to Hawaii with a pet must start preparations immediately in order to meet Hawaii travel and animal quarantine requirements. Also, keep in mind the school schedule in Hawaii has earlier start dates than most other states due to its modified year round school schedule. Therefore, Families PCSing with school aged children are encouraged to make school arrangements in advance.

The 25<sup>th</sup> ID website has a lot of information to assist in making your move to Hawaii as smooth as possible. It lists information about lodging, housing, transportation, schools, and PCSing with pets, and more. Go to [http://ww.25idl.army.mil/welcome\\_25id.html](http://ww.25idl.army.mil/welcome_25id.html) for more information on these topics and many others. We will also assign a sponsor who will assist you and you're Family with the transition to Hawaii, your orientation once on the island, and to inform you of the unique aspects of military life on Oahu. Please keep your sponsor informed of your travel and any issues or special needs during your travels.

Finally, welcome to the Phoenix Ohana (Hawaiian for family). We look forward to your arrival and becoming a member of the HHBN team. If you need any further assistance, please contact the following individuals:

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Strike Hard!  
Tropic Lightning

  
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