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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force is amending one system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed actions will be effective without further notice on October 29, 2003 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, AF-CIO/P, 1155 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 601-4043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Commander Directed Inquiries (June 4, 2002, 67 FR 38487).

CHANGES:

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RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Delete entry and replace with 'Destroy 2 years after the case is closed.'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Commander Directed Inquiries.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Commander Directed Inquiries are maintained at the installation where the Commander's office is located.

Information copies of a report are kept at the individual's organization and at other organizations which have an interest in a particular incident or problem involving that individual that is addressed in the report. Official Air Force mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of record systems notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All persons who are subjects of reviews, inquiries, or investigations conducted under the inherent authority of a commander or director. All persons who are subjects of administrative command actions for which another system of records is not applicable.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Commander-directed investigations; letters/transcriptions of complaints, allegations and queries; letters of appointment; reports of reviews, inquiries and investigations with supporting attachments, exhibits and photographs, record of interviews; witness statements; reports of legal review of case files, congressional responses; memoranda; letters and reports of findings and actions taken; letters to complainants and subjects of investigations; letters of rebuttal from subjects of investigations; finance, personnel; administration; adverse information, and technical reports; documentation of command action.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; 10 U.S.C. 164, Commanders of Combatant Commands; Air Force Instruction 51-604, Appointment to and Assumption of Command; Inherent authority of commanders to investigate matters or incidents under their jurisdiction or command.

PURPOSE(S):

Used to ensure just, thorough, and timely resolution and response to complaints, allegations, or queries, and

as a means of improving morale, welfare, good order, discipline, and efficiency of organizations, units, and personnel.

Portions of the inquiries or investigations may be used in evaluating an individual's overall performance and may be included in their military personnel records.

Documents received or prepared in anticipation of litigation are used by attorneys for the government to prepare for trials and hearings; to analyze evidence; to prepare for examination of witnesses; to prepare for argument before courts, magistrates, and investigating officers; and to advise commanders.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records, or information contained therein, may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To governmental boards or agencies or health care professional societies or organizations if such record or document is needed to perform licensing or professional standards monitoring related to credentialed health care practitioners or licensed non-credentialed health care personnel who are or were members of the United States Air Force, and to medical institutions or organizations wherein such member has applied for or been granted authority or employment to provide health care services if such record or document is needed to assess the professional qualifications of such member.

To certifying and licensing bodies for professional certifications and accreditations not related to health care.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Maintained in file folders, in computers, and on computer output and storage products.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by subject's name and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by person(s) responsible for servicing the record

system in performance of their official duties and by authorized personnel who are properly screened and cleared based upon a need to know. Records are stored in locked rooms and cabinets. Those in computer storage devices are protected by computer system software.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Destroy 2 years after the case is closed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

The Commander who initiated an investigation or that Commander's successor in command, at that Commander's installation office. Official Air Force mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of record systems notices.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the Commander who initiated the investigation, or that Commander's successor, at the Commander's installation office.

Individual should provide their full name, mailing address, and Social Security Number.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to access records about themselves contained in this system should address request to the Commander who initiated the investigation, or that Commander's successor in command, at the Commander's installation office.

Individual should provide their full name, mailing address, and Social Security Number.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 37-132; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Complainants, subjects, investigations, witnesses, official records, third parties, and Members of Congress. Information from almost any source can be included if it is relevant and material to the investigation, inquiry, or subsequent command action.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of subsection 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).

However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he would otherwise be entitled by Federal law or for which he would otherwise be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of the information, the individual will be provided access to the information exempt to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a confidential source. **Note:** When claimed, this exemption allows limited protection of investigative reports maintained in a system of records used in personnel or administrative actions.

An exemption rule for this system has been promulgated in accordance with requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(1), (2), and (3), (c) and (e) published in 32 CFR part 806b. For additional information contact the system manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Striker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) in Hawaii

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Action includes training to be conducted at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR), Dillingham Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area and Kaiwaloa Training Area on Oahu and the Pōhakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii. Twenty-eight projects are proposed that would improve the existing support structure and facilities to provide the necessary field training required for an SBCT. These projects include construction of ranges, airfield upgrades, land acquisition, and new equipment such as new and modernized vehicles (namely the Stryker, an eight-wheeled, 20-ton combat vehicle) and weapons systems (105mm cannon and 120mm mortar). The number of soldiers and vehicles stationed at SBMR also would increase. The Army would acquire land on Oahu (approximately 1,400 acres) and on the island of Hawaii (approximately 23,000 acres) for training areas and road construction.

DATES: The comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the DEIS, ask questions or submit written comments, contact Ms. Cindy Barger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management, Attention: CEPOH-PP-E (Barger), Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cindy Barger by telephone at (808) 438-4812; by facsimile at (808) 438-7801; or by e-mail at SBCT_EIS@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SBCT DEIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii: (1) The transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure and acquisition of approximately 1,400 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii (preferred alternative); (2) the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of approximately 100 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii; and (3) the no action alternative, under which no transformation would occur in the near term and training would continue as currently exists.

Comments on the Draft EIS, received during the 45-day public comment period, will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Public meetings to comment on the SBCT DEIS will be held at various locations on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Notification of the times and locations for the public meetings will be published in local newspapers and in the Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control bulletin.

Copies of the SBCT DEIS are available for review at the following libraries: Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720-2477; Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740-1704; Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library, 96767-1209 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kamuela, Hawaii 96743-8429; Kahuku Public and School Library, 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy., Kahuku, Hawaii 96731-2200; Mililani Public Library, 95-450 Makaimoimo Street, Mililani, Hawaii 96789-3018; Hawaii State Library, 478 South King St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2901; Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786-2034;