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## **Army Publishes the Record of Decision for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment to Support Operations in the Pacific Theater**

**ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.** — The Department of the Army announced today the availability of the record of decision (ROD) for growing and realigning the Army's force structure to support operations in the Pacific Theater.

The ROD explains that the Army will proceed with its preferred alternatives to station approximately 1,980 new Soldiers in Hawaii (1,680 Combat Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS) Soldiers at Schofield Barracks and 300 additional Soldiers at Fort Shafter) and approximately 2,200 new Soldiers in Alaska (1,775 CS and CSS Soldiers at Fort Richardson and an additional 425 Soldiers at Fort Wainwright), including a new maneuver enhancement brigade (MEB) headquarters at Fort Richardson.

This decision also validates previous decisions to redirect the stationing of a maneuver enhancement brigade (MEB) of 567 Soldiers that had been scheduled for stationing in Hawaii to Fort Drum, N.Y., and to station an expeditionary sustainment command of 254 Soldiers at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Army decisions contained in the ROD were based on mission requirements, Soldier and family needs, analysis of the final supplemental programmatic environmental impact statement (SPEIS), and

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public input. The SPEIS evaluated the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts connected with these decisions and proposed mitigations for these impacts as a part of implementing growth and realignment decisions supporting the Pacific Theater. The Pacific Theater is a critical theater for U.S. national security, and covers more than 50 percent of the earth's surface and includes more than 39 countries on and around the Pacific Rim.

This action involves construction of garrison facilities on Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield (WAAF), and includes construction of both garrison facilities and training range projects at Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright.

The selected alternatives best support Army-wide modular transformation; support the National Defense and Security Strategies; add the necessary Combat Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS) Soldiers to Army forces; and grow critical support brigades and headquarters to efficiently carry out missions in the Pacific Theater.

The ROD will result in a total growth of Army forces within the Pacific Theater by approximately 4,200 Soldiers, and will realign forces to improve readiness and responsiveness to meet future challenges. The stationing of a combat aviation brigade, fires brigade, or new combat maneuver brigades is not a part of this stationing decision.

The ROD can be accessed for download at <http://aec.army.mil/>. For further information, please contact the Public Affairs Office at (410) 436-2556 during normal business hours (0900-1700 Eastern time Monday through Friday) or e-mail [APGR-USAECPublicComments@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAECPublicComments@conus.army.mil).

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