## Protect the 'Aina • Protect the People

# **STOP THE STRYKERS!**

### 10 Reasons to Stop the Strykers

- Strykers are "modern chariots of empire" waging illegal war in Iraq and continuing illegal occupation in Hawai'i.
- Strykers will cause the largest military land grab in Hawai'i since WWII. The Army will seize and destroy 25,000 more acres of land.
- 3. Strykers contaminate the land forever and endanger our health and safety: 25% more live ammunition into our environment, more unexploded bombs and more toxics like RDX, HMX, TNT, Arsenic and Lead. Strykers will kick up more than 13.4 million pounds of dust per year which can disperse toxics like radioactive Depleted Uranium, which was recently discovered

in Wahiawa despite the Army's assurances that it was never used in Hawai'i.

- 4. Strykers destroy sacred sites and disrupt Native Hawaiian cultural practices. The Army failed to do a survey of cultural sites, in violation of agreements. Cultural sites that turned out to be far more extensive than previously reported, have already been damaged, like the recently rediscovered Hale'au'au Heiau.
- Stryker maneuver impacts will increase by 300% including serious soil erosion that runs off and smothers our reefs.
- 6. Strykers cause fires, destroy ecosystems and kill endangered species.
- Strykers raise the cost of living, strain public services and schools, and increase competition for housing and jobs.
- 8. Strykers represent an illegal and fraudulent process driven by "military pork" and political corruption. The court ruled that the predetermined decision to station Strykers in Hawai'i was illegal.

- **9. Strykers contribute to global warming** by dramatically increasing the Army's fuel consumption. The military is Hawai'i's largest consumer of energy.
- **10. Strykers were rejected by the people.** In the first round of hearings, Hawai'i overwhelmingly said "NO!" to Strykers. In a recent Star Bulletin poll 73% opposed Strykers in Hawai'i.

The court ruled that the Army broke the law by deciding to station Strykers in Hawai'i without considering alternatives and ordered a second environmental impact statement. Some construction has been temporarily halted. The new Supplemental EIS is fatally flawed. A policy memo from the White House requested language in the Defense Authorization Bill "to resolve the legal challenges" to the Stryker Brigade, which may mean that an exemption is in the works.



#### Get Informed!

- DMZ-Hawai'i / Aloha 'Aina: www.dmzhawaii.org 808-988-6266 afschawaii@afsc.org
- Stryker Brigade EIS websites (Army sites): sbct-seis.org (Draft Supplemental EIS) sbcteis.com (Original Hawai'i EIS)

#### Get Organized!

- Tell your friends and family, church or group.
- Adopt position statements opposing the Stryker.

#### Take Action!

- Protest the Stryker Invasion.
- Tell your elected officials to cancel the Strykers.
- Testify at the public hearings.
- Submit written testimony:

Public Affairs Office, USAEC, Building E4460, 5179 Hoadley Road, Attention: IMAE-PA, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401, e-mail: publiccomments@us.army.mil.

The Army has extended the deadline for comments until October 30, 2007. Public Meetings have been postponed. Dates, times and locations to be announced.