

“STRYKER IS A DEATH TRAP”

- a 25-year Army veteran email thanking an anti-Stryker website



ABOVE: Iraqi insurgents destroyed this \$3 million Stryker (with its slat armor) using a \$30 rocket propelled grenade. ABOVE RIGHT: A roadside bomb demolished this Stryker. RIGHT: A burned out Stryker.

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Many military personnel and veterans oppose the Army Stryker brigade because it is unsafe and wasteful. The estimated final cost per Stryker is as high as \$3 million.

Some have called the entire Stryker program a “boondoggle” that should be scrapped along with the Crusader weapon and Comanche helicopter. The following facts provide clues as to the political and economic interests behind the Stryker program:

- The decision to embark on the Stryker program was made by then Army Chief of Staff, General Shinseki from Kaua’i.
- Funds for the Stryker were secured by Senators Inouye (D-HI) and Stevens (R-AK), the ranking members of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.
- Inouye and Stevens were rewarded when Shinseki assigned Stryker brigades to each of their home states.
- General Heebner retired as Shinseki’s aide shortly before taking a lucrative position with General Dynamics Corporation.
- Soon after, General Dynamics was awarded the Stryker contract, and Heebner made millions of dollars on company stock.

For more information:

Project on Government Oversight
Stryker Program a Boondoggle
General Dynamics Buys Off General Heebner

www.pogo.org/p/defense/da-040101-stryker.html
www.militarycorruption.com/stryker.htm
www.militarycorruption.com/soundoff2.htm

STRYKERS IN HAWAII: A SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL DISASTER

STRYKER BRIGADE = MILITARY LAND GRAB

- The Stryker is an experimental 20-ton armored attack vehicle. **The Army wants to station 296 Strykers here.**
- The Army wants to **acquire 25,663 acres of land**, which is nearly as big as Kaho‘olawe, including **23,000 acres at Pohakuloa** on Hawai‘i island, and **1,400 acres at Honouliuli** on O‘ahu. This would be the biggest military expansion since World War II. The Stryker plan violates state and county land use plans, and 23,535 acres of ag lands will be lost.

HEALTH THREATS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

- Military training **maneuvers will increase by 300%** and **live ammunition fired will increase by 25%** up to **20 million rounds per year.**
- **13.4 million pounds of dust** would be emitted each year, which could aggravate asthma in our community.
- Increases in **unexploded munitions**, which means the land will be lost forever like Kaho‘olawe.
- **Toxic chemicals** from military munitions were detected in Schofield and Pohakuloa, but the Army neglected to further investigate the migration of the contaminants in the soil, air, surface and groundwater, and smoke and its effects on human health and the environment.
- **Fire is a major threat** to endangered species, cultural sites and human health and safety. The Army fire control plan failed miserably in Mākua in July, 2003.
- **Endangered species and Hawaiian cultural sites will be destroyed or harmed.**

TOXIC STEW AT SCHOFIELD AND POHAKULOA

- **RDX**, an explosive compound, affects the **central nervous system and may cause cancer.** The EPA closed a military range in Massachusetts due to high levels of RDX and other contaminants.
- **TNT**, an explosive compound, is a **carcinogen and also causes genetic mutations.**
- **HMX**, an explosive compound, **damages the central nervous system and liver.**
- **Nitroglycerine**, an explosive compound, affects the **blood and circulatory system.**
- **Lead** a poison that **affects the nervous system, especially in children.**
- **Perchlorate**, a component of propellents, attacks the thyroid gland and is hazardous in minute amounts. Perchlorate is a major problem in the US southwest where it has been detected in milk and vegetable crops.

SHAM PROCESS

- The Army infringed on the free speech rights of opponents of the Stryker Brigade by holding exclusive meetings and arresting persons with opposing signs.
- Before the public even had a chance to review and comment on the impacts of the project, Senator Inouye’s press release June 26, 2003 stated: "Senator Inouye has been assured that one of the six Stryker Brigades will be based in Hawaii."

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Other links: www.afschawaii.org

www.nohohewa.com

www.notinourname.net/war/stryker.htm