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Next page: A 25th Infantry Division AH-64D Apache helicopter flies in formation 21 December 2018 for the 25th Infantry Division Review over Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Morales, U.S. Army)



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