

Bumper sticker campaign runs into Army stop sign

The "Deactivate the 29th" bumper sticker campaign has hit a stone wall at Schofield Barracks and Ft. Shafter.

Maj. Gen. Roy Lassetter Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army, Hawaii, has barred vehicles with bumper stickers calling for deactivation of the 29th Infantry Brigade from both military installations.

The Citizens Committee for the Deactivation of the 29th recently put the bumper stickers on sale for \$1 each. But the general doesn't buy the idea of vehicles with such bumper stickers going here and there on the two Army posts that come under his jurisdiction.

NATIONAL Guardsmen and Army reservists with bumper stickers advocating deactivation of the 29th Brigade can expect to be stopped at the gates by military policemen. And they won't get their

vehicles on-post as long as the stickers are on the bumpers.

U.S. Army, Hawaii information office issued a statement yesterday that says the general's action is legal.

"U.S. Army, Hawaii has published regulations prohibiting demonstrations, protest marches and similar activities from being conducted at Schofield Barracks and Ft. Shafter," the statement says.

"THE REGULATIONS were written in accordance with instructions issued by the Judge Advocate General of the Army in an appropriate publication. They are lawful regulations."

The statement goes on to say that "an installation commander has both broad responsibilities and corresponding discretionary powers in connection with the maintaining of morale, welfare and discipline.

"The commanding gener-

al, U.S. Army, Hawaii, has determined that the display of bumper stickers of the type involved here is a form of demonstration or similar activity which is prohibited by regulation at both Schofield Barracks and Ft. Shafter," the statement says.

SPEC 4 DAVE Shutter, who recently assisted Hawaii men in drafting a petition advocating 29th Brigade deactivation, questioned the constitutionality of Lassetter's order.

Shutter, a Phoenix, Ariz. attorney, said the general's order is "absurd." He thinks the order violates the 29th Brigade men's constitutional right to peaceful protest.

Shutter said MPs have ordered a man to remove his "Restore the Monarchy" bumper sticker because it's political.

"They don't even have a sense of humor," Shutter said.