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Guardman gets meal — and thanks

LIHUE — A customer at the Dairy Queen turned to an Army National Guard member yesterday, saying: "Young man, thank you very much for being here."

"It's my job," replied Sgt. Ray Valdez of Honolulu, one of hundreds of National Guard members providing support to hurricane victims.

Valdez was at the Dairy Queen to get the first hot meal he's had since arriving on Kauai Sunday.

His order: "Teriyaki and hamburger steak."

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