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Airlift to Big Isle set for 29th

The largest airlift to date of 29th Brigade troops started today in preparation for training on the Big Island.

The Air Force says 65 trips will be needed between today and Saturday to transport nearly 1,000 soldiers and 685 tons of equipment to Hilo.

The troops will go to the Pohakuloa Training Area for war games.

The men are being flown by C-124 Globemasters of the 61st Military Airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base.

The training exercise is the largest the 29th has held at Pohakuloa. Brigade troops trained there last year in smaller groups.