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Island's Professional Men Aren't Exempt

Doctors, lawyers, teachers and practically every type of Honolulu professional man were affected by yesterday's callup of the Hawaii National Guard.

For some, such as Anthony Y. K. Kim, an attorney, the new career in the Guard will mean a tremendous pay cut.

Kim will leave his law practice with Henshaw, Conway and Hamilton to become a private first class with Alpha Company, 29th Support Battalion.

"I haven't checked the salary scale of a PFC, but I imagine it's awfully small," he said.

For other reservists, like Dr. Shigemi Sugiki of the Straub Clinic, it will mean leaving a patient-load of 40 people stranded until the clinic can find someone else. Sugiki is the clinic's only ophthalmologist.

"My patients will have to get eye care elsewhere until the clinic finds a replacement," he said.

Moss Ikeda, the principal of Kawananakoa School, estimates his salary will be just about the same when he becomes the full-time executive officer of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry. Ikeda is a major.

"In education, men can take military leave and have a full guarantee of their job when they return," he said.

Entertainer Danny Kaleikini, who serenades tourists at the Kahala Hilton, just missed having to turn away from his high-paying job.

"I retired from the Guard recently after eight years of service and said aloha," he said, from the Bikini Shop, which he owns.

His father who was in the office at the same time

painting the walls, wasn't so fortunate.

Daniel Kaleikini Sr., a first sergeant with Charlie Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, has served for 29 years.

He heard about the callup on the radio yesterday morning when he was downtown supervising the City and County street sweepers.

"My boys got all excited about it when they found out," said the 53-year-old Kaleikini. "But I just told them to 'hang loose.'"

One of Kaleikini's sons, Edward, is a gunnery sergeant with the Marines at Khe Sanh. Kaleikini said he didn't think his unit would be going to Vietnam because of their limited training at this point.

He said he didn't mind the callup. "My God and my country come first," he said.

Dr. Robert W. Nemechek, an orthopedic surgeon, will have to leave his practice at the Medical Group when he becomes the full-time battalion surgeon of the 487th Artillery Battery of the 29th Brigade.

Nemechek, started working in Honolulu this January. "I was just starting to build my practice," he said. "It's a little discouraging, but I suppose I can start up when I get back."

One well-known reservist who will not be affected by the callup is James S. Burns, the son of Hawaii's governor.

Burns, an attorney, is a first lieutenant with the Staff Judge Advocate of the Hawaii National Guard.

"I don't feel good about 99.9 per cent of the troops being called up and me having to stay behind," he said.

Although, he has already served two years as a private in the Army, Burns said he was thinking of arranging to have himself drafted to go with the Hawaii unit.

"I don't want to be a sacrificial lamb or a super patriot, but it would make the others feel a little better to know the Governor's son was with them," he said.