

U-H Guard Member May Not Report

HONOLULU (AP) — A 25-year-old Hawaii Army National Guardsman who is opposed to the war said he's not sure whether he will refuse to report for active duty May 13 or work from within the army informing other soldiers of the implications of the call-up.

But Richard M. Tanimura said the decision to do what he feels is "morally right" is overdue.

Tanimura, a senior in electrical engineering at the University of Hawaii and a specialist fourth class in the Hawaii Guard, said he joined the guard two years ago to avoid the draft.

Whether he refuses to show up for active duty or resists the call-up within the army, Tanimura may face imprisonment.

He said there are many men in the guard who he feels aren't familiar with the consequences of the call-up.

He said, "the majority of them joined the unit for the very same reason I did."

But he said he prefers going to jail instead of serving in Vietnam. He said his dissent is "the only adult thing to do."

But Tanimura said he is worried about the social consequences of his intended actions against his family and friends.

James Burns, Hawaii Army National Guard Legal officer, said Saturday that if Tanimura fails to show up May 13, it is up to the FBI to do something about it.

Burns said, "If he refuses to serve, then he would be in similar circumstances as avoiding the draft."