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Early Graduation, Commissioning For 23 At OCS

National Guardsmen James Cordeiro, of Maui, and Michael J. Mangca, of Molokai, are among 23 Hawaii Army National Guard officer candidate school men expected to receive early commissions as second lieutenants.

The State Department of Defense's public affairs office announced on April 18 that the graduation commissioning ceremony will be held on May 10, instead of August as originally scheduled.

"The accelerated graduation plan will permit the men to receive their commissions as second lieutenants before being placed on active duty in the current call-up," the announcement said.

"In order to accomplish the early graduation, one week-end training phase has been advanced and the two-week summer camp period moved up to April 27-May 11. There are 19 Guardsmen and four Army Reservists affected."