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Gen. Schaefer to head 29th

Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III has been selected to take command of the Hawaii National Guard's 29th Brigade, the Star-Bulletin learned today.

He replaces Brig. Gen. Francis S. Takemoto, who was forced to pass up active service because he has too many years of military service to his credit.

Schaefer's civilian job is with Ainamalu Corp.

Heads Army Guard

In the Guard he heads the Army Guard, which includes Oahu's Nike-Hercules missile battalions. These have not been called to active duty by the Defense Department.

The 29th is due to muster at Schofield Barracks May 13.

Activated and added to it

will be the Army Reserve's 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry.

Schaefer fought at Guadalcanal with the 27th Infantry Wolfhounds.

Other generals

The only men senior to him in the Guard are Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Webster, the State adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefertmann, the Air Guard commander.

Takemoto's enforced retirement, announced Tuesday, means he will be able to continue as principal of Manoa Elementary School.

Schaefer is a graduate of Punahou School and Cornell University.

Served in Europe

In the final two years of World War II, after combat on Guadalcanal, Schaefer served in Europe with the 66th Division.

He joined the National Guard here in 1947 and worked his way up with the 293rd Regimental Combat Team.

Schaefer took command of the 29th Brigade in 1959 and received one-star rank at that time. In civilian life he was then plantation department manager for Theo. H. Davies.

Less than a year later he was promoted by Governor Quinn to head the Army Guard. Col. Michael R. Roman moved in as commander of the 29th.

Schaefer, 47, is a fourth-generation kamaaina.

His grandfather came to the Islands from Germany in 1857.



Frederick A. Schaefer III