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Heads 29th On Active Duty

Schaefer Succeeds Takemoto In Command

HONOLULU—Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer, III, commanding general of the Hawaii Army National Guard, has volunteered to head the Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade on active duty.

He was selected to succeed Brigadier General Francis S. Takemoto who will retire effective May 4, 1968.

General Schaefer will take command during change of command ceremonies today (Saturday) on the front lawn of the 29th Infantry Brigade Armory on 22nd Avenue, Fort Ruger, Honolulu.

Announcing the appointment, Major General Benjamin J. Webster, adjutant general of Hawaii said: "I am extremely pleased that General Schaefer has volunteered to take command of the 29th Infantry Brigade. General Schaefer is a highly qualified officer who should bring credit to the brigade in leading them during their period of active duty."

Before becoming commander of all Army Guard units in Hawaii in February, 1960, General Schaefer commanded the 29th Infantry Brigade. He assumed that post in January, 1959, receiving federal recognition as a brigadier general on April 21, 1959.

A fourth generation kamaaina, General Schaefer was born in Honolulu on January 3, 1921. He attended Punahou School and Cornell University.

After graduation from Cornell in 1942, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry. He saw action at Guadalcanal with the 25th Infantry Division.

It was here in January, 1943, that he was wounded while leading his platoon in an assault on enemy positions. For his actions, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Commendation Medal, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

After returning to the mainland and recovering from his wounds, he was assigned to the 66th Division which was sent to Europe. He returned to the United States in the Fall of 1945.

Released from active service in 1945, he served as a major in the organized reserve corps until 1947. In May, 1947, he joined the Hawaii National Guard as intelligence officer of the 298th Regimental Combat Team.

In 1948 he was assigned as executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 298th Infantry, and later that year became its commander.

In 1952, he served as executive officer of the regiment. The following year he assumed command of the 298th.

When the 298th Infantry was reorganized as an artillery anti-aircraft unit in 1957, he was appointed commander of the 298th AAA Group. He served in this post until his appointment as 29th Infantry Brigade commander in



GENERAL SCHAEFER
(U. S. Army photo)

January, 1959.

In civilian life, General Schaefer is vice president and a director of Ainamalu Corporation. Among his civilian activities, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a vice president of the Downtown Improvement Association.

He is also a member of the executive committee and board of the Friends of the East-West Center and former president and board member of the Central YMCA, as well as member of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts' Aloha Council.

He resides with his family at 44-381 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe.

Colonel Edward M. Yoshimasu, chief of staff, Hawaii Army National Guard, has been named acting commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard.