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'Send-Off' Program All Set

Plans for a big "Aloha Send-Off" for Valley Island National Guardsmen next Monday, May 13, have been finalized, according to the Maui Chamber of Commerce, which is spearheading the ceremonies.

Some 300 Maui and Molokai Guardsmen have been affected by the callup which, in effect, activates the 29th Infantry Brigade of the Hawaii Army National Guard. Almost immediately, when it was known that the men would be called up, Chamber President George Bogar acted to form a committee for their Aloha.

Committee members include: Webb. Beggs, Jr., Chamber of Commerce; William Neilson, State Dept. of Transportation, Airports Division and State Greeters; Erwin Paschoal, bus transportation; Captain Lawrence Tavares, National Guard; Loretta Feiteira, Maui Hawaii Visitors Bureau; Darrell Oishi, Department of Education; and Shizuo (Poison) Inouye, County of Maui.

The schedule, which the Chamber says is now "firm"; follows:

8:30 a.m.—Buses arrive at Kahului Airport Terminal with troops.

8:30 a.m.—Arriving troops are entertained by Danny Kapoi Group with Viola and her Hula Girls.

9 a.m.—Buddy Fo Group entertains.

9:30 a.m.—Brief comments by: Mr. Bogar; Lieutenant Colonel John D'Araujo, commander, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry; Maui County Chairman Elmer F. Cravalho; Father Andrew Putman, Christ The-King Church (representing Maui Council of Churches)

9:45 a.m.—Music and dancing resumes until time for troops to board their planes.

10 a.m. — Baldwin High School Band assembles around the outside flagpole, on the airstrip side of the terminal, and serenade the troops as they board their planes.