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Aloha Ceremony To Honor Isle N-Guard Monday

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An aloha ceremony is planned for Monday at the National Guard hangar site, starting at 4 p.m., for departing units of the Big Island National Guard and Army Reserve leaving for Schofield Barracks as a result of the call-up to active duty.

A tentative departure schedule of personnel was released today by Big Island Guard and Reserve Headquarters.

Personnel will be airlifted Monday and Tuesday by military aircraft from a departure area near the National Guard hangar on the Puna side of Lyman Field. Units are required to be at the departure area one and one-half hours in advance of the scheduled times and will depart earlier in the event aircraft arrive ahead of schedule.

The schedule:

Monday, May 13, 6 p.m.—Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Hilo.
Monday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.—Ground Surveillance section and Heavy Mortar platoon, HHC (Kona units), and 29th Brigade officers.

Tuesday, May 14, 6 a.m.—Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo.

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 a.m.—Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo.

Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 a.m.—Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Olaa

and Pahala.

Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 p.m.—Company B, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Army Reserve.

The ceremony, which is being coordinated by the County, will include the following speakers: Col. Lester Biehler, in charge of the Army Reserve in Hawaii; Lt. Col. Fred Koehnen, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, on the Big Island; a representative of Governor John Burns' office; and County Chairman Shunichi Kimura.

Each unit will have token representation in the ceremony, which will be emceed by Arthur Herbst, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce president.

The Rev. Kay Tagami of Hilo Hongwanji Mission will give the opening blessing and the Rev. Edward Flemming of St. Joseph's Catholic Church the closing benediction.

In the event of rain, the program will take place in the National Guard Armory at General Lyman Field.

It also was announced that several of the public schools in Hilo will provide leis for all Guardsmen and Reservists departing on both days. Also, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau will provide hostesses who will make the lei presentations to all departing men.

Kepoo Leaves Race

Arthur Kepoo of Hawaiian-announced this morning he has withdrawn from the race for the State Constitutional Convention election.

A candidate for the Fifth Representative District seat until this morning, Kepoo said he has been called to active duty by the Hawaii Army National Guard under the recent mobilization order.

Kepoo said his name will not be on the ballot in the June 1 election.

He said he has not decided to whom he will give his support.

"I will talk with my supporters in Kona tomorrow (Friday) before I'll make my announcement about my support to another candidate," Kepoo said.

Kepoo, a Republican, was defeated twice in races for the County Board of Supervisors.

Kepoo's withdrawal will leave six candidates in the race for the Fifth District seat which encompasses Kohala and North Kona.

5 Police Officers Involved In Call-Up

HONOKAA—Three motorpatrolmen, a policeman-clerk and a recently hired jail guard will leave the Hawaii County Police Department Monday for active duty with the Hawaii Army National Guard, Police Chief Anthony Paul announced Wednesday at a Police Commission meeting here.

Involved in the mobilization call-up of the Hawaii National Guard and Army Reserve from the department are the following: John Kekua, Wayne Carvalho and Solomon Malan, motorpatrolmen; Mitchell Kanehailua, policeman-clerk, and Edwin Rapozo, jail guard.

These positions will be filled temporarily by personnel in the department and other positions also will be filled by persons still on the eligible list, Paul said.

In the event that there still will be positions to fill, a civil service examination will be set up, he added.