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Hawaii Says "Aloha" To Guard, Reservists

Friends and relatives, numbering several thousand persons, attended the farewell ceremonies for Hawaii Army National Guardsmen and Army Reservists, this morning at Fort DeRussy.

The Guardsmen and Reservists are members of the 29th Infantry Brigade and 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, who have been called to active duty by the President.

Top military and civilian leaders were on hand for the ceremony, which begins at 8:30 a.m. at Fort DeRussy's Kuroda Field.

Heading this list was Governor John A. Burns, the reviewing officer. Others include Mayor Neal Blaisdell; Lt. General Edgar C. Doleman, deputy commander, U.S. Army, Pacific; Maj. General Benjamni J. Webster, adjutant general of Hawaii; and Maj.

General Roy Lasseter, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army, Hawaii. Commanding the troops will be Brig. General Frederick A. Schaefer III, commanding general of the 29th Infantry Brigade.

The ceremony included a fly-by of a flight of Hawaii Air National Guard F-102 Dagger jet interceptors.

A Hawaii Army National Guard helicopter made flower drop

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Pentagon announced today the first steps in a long-planned overhaul of U.S. defenses against enemy bombers.

Changes, to take place by July, 1969, will involve closing numerous air defense installations and elimination of 4,719 military

and 1,219 civilian jobs.

The steps are part of a plan to make the air defense system small, more effective, and less costly, according to the Pentagon.

The major changes announced will include:

—Closing three headquarters groups at Gunter AFB, Ala.—the southern region of the North American Air Defense Command, the 14th Air Force of the Aerospace Defense Command and the 5th region of the Army Air Defense command.

—Phasing out this summer of the 30th NORAD division headquarters and its direction center at Sioux City, Iowa, Municipal Airport.

—Closing of 20 radar squadron sites, 14 of which will be taken over by the Federal Aviation Agency.



Gen. Schaefer Boards Jeep With Mayor Neal Blaisdell And Gov. John Burns To Review Troops At Fort DeRussy.
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