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# Ceremony To Honor 900 Men

An aloha ceremony will be held today at 4 p.m. at the Hawaii National Guard Hangar site for the guardsmen and Army reservists leaving for Schofield under the recent call-up order from Pentagon.

Some 800 guardsmen and 100 reservists will be airlifted by military aircraft today and Tuesday from the Guard's hangar on the Puna side of Lyman Field.

The exact number of guardsmen, however, is listed as "confidential information," according to a spokesman for the Guard's headquarters.

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

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

Several of the public schools in Hilo will provide leis for all guardsmen and reservists and hostesses of Hawaii Visitors Bureau will present the leis.

Departing units are required to be at the departure site at least one-half hour in advance.

The departure schedules are:

Today — Headquarters and Headquarters Company at 6:30 p.m.; Ground Surveillance and Heavy Mortar Platoon, HHC (Kona Units) and 29th Brigade officers at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry at 6 a.m.; Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry at 7:30 a.m. Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry at 11:30 a.m.; and Company B, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Army Reserve at 1:30 p.m.