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# A Surprise for City Hall

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City Hall was surprised yesterday when it lost a department head — for up to two years — in the callup of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Brigade.

Also surprised was the department head. He had asked to go with the 29th after it was called up last month, but had received no official reply.

Then, Sunday afternoon, he was notified that he was accepted and at 9 p.m., he telephoned the news to his boss, Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell.

The volunteer is Dr. Alvin V. Majoska, 52, City-County Chief Medical Examiner since 1961 and, before that, the City Coroner's Physician for 15 years.

Majoska, Guard Headquarters Detachment surgeon until yesterday, is now Army Lt. Col. Majoska, 29th Brigade Surgeon, with a staff of several doctors.

"He applied several weeks ago for the brigade post, which was vacant, but I think the 11th hour approval caught him unawares," said a Guard spokesman.

"He showed up in the



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wrong uniform at Fort De-Russy. He was wearing khakis. "But approval of these transfers, especially for doctors and other professionals, takes quite a bit longer than usual, what with checking qualifications and such."

But no hitches developed and, by noon, Majoska was eating Army chow with other activated members of the 29th at Schofield Barracks.

Meanwhile, his deputy, Dr. Richard Y. K. Wong, who

was called by Majoska yesterday morning and told what happened, was wondering.

Majoska's staff also was uncertain of what happened.

"I thought he wasn't a member of the unit that was called up," said one.

Key people at City Hall — except Blaisdell — did not know of the move.

A call at 4 p.m. to the Mayor's information aide, Brian Casey, brought this comment: "What? Wait. I'll call you back."

Minutes later, Casey confirmed Majoska's callup but said he couldn't get any more information about it immediately.

"But his deputy will take over. There'll be some arrangements made tomorrow," Casey said. "He'll be gone for three months to two years."

Deputy Wong, who has a private medical practice and mostly spends only his morning hours doing post mortem examinations for the City said:

"I don't know what I'll do. I really haven't considered anything like this. Two years. . .?"

Said Mrs. Majoska:

"I'm quite proud of the

fact he's doing what he's doing. If the Country needs him, I'm quite prepared to accept the disruption of our lives.

"I'm going to miss him."