

Club 100 official criticizes petition

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A leader of World War II veterans has added his voice of disappointment and concern over the deactivation petition being circulated within the 29th Brigade.

Samuel M. S a k a m o t o, president of Club 100, in a written statement released last night said:

"IT IS MOST disheartening to realize that there are individuals who volunteer to join a National Guard or reserve unit to fulfill their military obligation towards their country in lieu of being subject to the draft, and now complain because the leaders of the country decide the situation is such that their services are required."

Sakamoto added that the members of Club 100 were disappointed over the news, though they as veterans understood the men's desire to

return to civilian pursuits and their loved ones.

"But, we also believe that to maintain the kind of government and country we have, we must do our share when called upon.

"Yes, we do believe in patriotism.

"AS GUARDSMEN and reservists, they were being trained and paid, building towards a retirement stipend for such eventuality," he said.

The club president added that his organization heartily endorses Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's statement of concern made Monday night.

"We are also certain that those who complete their present call-up for 24 months with the right frame of mind will be proud of their service as time goes by," Sakamoto said.