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Petition on 29th in Hilo

HILO — A petition is circulating in Hilo in support of "those men of the 29th Brigade who have petitioned for deactivation of their unit and a return to civilian life."

The three-sentence statement expresses support for the dissenting Hawaii National Guardsmen and reservists "because the actions of our President and the direction of our national policy are, in this instance, quite intolerable."

The petition was originated by Frank Sadelik of Hilo, and he said it had been signed by more than 50 persons since Monday.

The last line states that signers "fully realize" the content of the document and they are not "somewhat ashamed."

This apparently alludes to the statement of Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer, commander of the 29th who maintained that most of the dissidents didn't know what they were signing and were "somewhat ashamed" of themselves.