

# PINKHAM ORDERS FAVOR SHOWN TO NATIONAL GUARD

Instructs Heads of Departments to Give Preference to Employed Members

WANTS MILITIA HELPED  
BY MATERIAL INCENTIVE

Urges Those on Territorial Pay-Roll to "Perform Duty By Enlisting"

Governor Pinkham today made public a letter, dated January 15, to heads of territorial departments urging that employes of the territory join the National Guard and instructing the department heads to give preference, in handling their official work, to members of the guard.

The letter follows:

Territory of Hawaii, U. S. A.  
Executive Chamber.  
Honolulu, January 15, 1916.

To the Heads of Departments,  
Territory of Hawaii.

Sirs:

In conformity with the expressed policy of the Honorable Secretary of War, the Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department and my own advocacy, as Governor, the National Guard of Hawaii has been so increased in numbers that it is regarded as an example to the mainland states and has the admiration of the military authorities of the United States.

To the intense activities of Brigadier General Johnson is due the enrollment of over Four Thousand men in the Territory, of which some Twenty-five Hundred have Hawaiian blood.

There should be not only patriotic but material incentive in belonging to the National Guard of Hawaii.

What military acts and provisions may be made by Congress for citizen soldiery is as yet undetermined.

We must maintain our numbers and interest by applying the means at hand.

I believe it the duty of every physically and mentally fit male employe of suitable age, of the Government to join the National Guard of Hawaii.

That present members may be encouraged, I desire the Heads of Departments, where vacancies exist or occur, to give preference to members of the National Guard, according as opportunities for skilled or unskilled labor exist.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE ABOVE EMPLOYMENT POLICY IS CARRIED OUT.

Employes are urged to at once perform their duty by enlisting.

Efforts are being made to secure the means to reasonably and properly pay the members of the National Guard for their services.

This is not the place to discuss this point, but much will depend on the attitude of the rank and file of the Guard on the economic proposals to be presented.

I do not expect war but I do expect the people of the Hawaiian Islands to be in position to immediately have something to say and do in their own behalf and protection the instant a foe presumes to attack our shores.

I further expect the military exercises and affiliations of the Guard will prove an immeasurable benefit in the social life of the islands and a relief from the commonplace tediousness that often affects country life.

There is a lack of employment and suffering to such an extent I advise employers generally to bear in mind the needs of members of the National Guard.

Respectfully,

LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of  
the National Guard of Hawaii.