

Deployment is Imminent

- Approximately 3000 members of the Army Oregon National Guard have been ordered to go to Iraq this spring.
- This is about half of the Army Guard's 6500 members, and the largest deployment since the Second World War.
- The Guard will take equipment with them, including motor vehicles. All 12 search and rescue helicopters were sent from Oregon to Iraq in January, 2009.
- The Guard will leave Oregon in April or May for further training elsewhere in the U.S. before going to Iraq.

Deployment is a Hardship

- Many soldiers will be killed or wounded.
- Their mission in Iraq is particularly hazardous (see "Mission from Hell" by Mike Francis, *Oregonian* 08/03/08).
- Some guard members have already served in Iraq or Afghanistan and are returning for the 2nd or 3rd time.
- Their families will suffer from their absence or loss.
- Communities will suffer from their absence or loss because Guard members are often police officers, firemen, rescuers, or first responders.
- Oregon will be more vulnerable to natural disasters such as flooding or earthquakes with only half of the guard present and much of their equipment overseas. (see "War pulls away Oregon's defenders" by Julie Sullivan, *Oregonian* 01/07/09)
- The State of Oregon must pay for the care of wounded or disabled members of the Guard when they return. The federal government does not.

All this hardship would be willingly borne by the people of Oregon if they believed in and supported the continuation of the war in Iraq. But they don't, as shown by polls, City Council Resolutions, and State Legislature Resolutions.



Deployment is Not Lawful

- The Constitution gives Congress the authority to federalize a state's National Guard in times of national emergency or war.
- But federalization is not open-ended and forever. Congress must declare war or provide a valid Authorization for the Use of Military Force.
- Current Authorizations are either no longer valid (Iraq 2002) or too broad and unlimited in time (Afghanistan 2001).
- Congress authorized the use of military force in Iraq for just two purposes:
 - 1) Defending national security against the threat posed by Iraq; and
 - 2) enforcing relevant Security Council Resolutions against Iraq. But weapons of mass destruction were not found in Iraq and Iraq is not now a threat to the U.S. Moreover, the Security Council Resolutions made before the invasion were rendered moot by the fall of Saddam Hussein. Thus, the 2002 Authorization is no longer valid.
- The 2001 Authorization for war in Afghanistan gave the President the right to attack any person,

group or country if he thinks there is some connection, however tenuous, to the attack of 9/11/01. This Authorization is too broad and too unlimited in time, effectively removing Congressional control over federalization.

- Requiring a valid Authorization to federalize the guard is like requiring a valid search warrant for a police search. A warrant is issued for a specific time and purpose. It cannot be used whenever, or for whatever, the police want.

Deployment Can Be Stopped

- A bill (HB 2556) has been introduced into the Oregon Legislature limiting the Oregon National Guard to service in Oregon, unless called into federal service pursuant to a constitutionally authorized federal directive.
- Companion resolutions (SR 1 and HR 4) have also been introduced declaring that the Authorizations for the Use of Military Force in Iraq and Afghanistan are no longer valid.
- These measures will give Governor Kulongoski the authority to refuse deployment of the Oregon Guard to Iraq or Afghanistan until Congress passes a valid Authorization.

Ask your Oregon State Senator and Representative to support the bill and resolutions that will keep the Oregon Guard in Oregon. To find your Senator and Representative and to get contact information, go to: www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/ or call 503-986-1187. There will be a special call-in day on February 26th. Be sure to call both your senator and representative that day!

For more information on the Oregon and national campaigns to Keep the Guard Home, go to: www.bringtheguardhome.org/

What They're Saying About the Guard Home Campaign

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley:

"Our National Guard shouldn't be utilized in this way to begin with. This is not their designed role. So I'm really supporting the campaign to get them home." (BlueOregon, January 11, 2009)

Governor Ted Kulongoski

"Everybody is worried about the continual deployment of the Guard... I think sometimes we're asking too much of these kids and their families" (Oregonian, August 3, 2008)

Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney:

"I feel my state and my people become more vulnerable [when the Guard is deployed]. You take care of us." (Oregonian, January 6, 2009).

Groups Cooperating on the Guard Home Campaign

Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Portland Chapter, War Resisters League-Portland, Center for Intercultural Organizing, Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, Code Pink Portland, Women in Black, International Socialist Organization, Metanoia Peace Community, Families for Peace, Progressive Responses/Community Alliance of Lane County, Salem Raging Grannies, Corvallis Raging Grannies, Oak Grove Peace Vigil, Citizens for Peace and Justice (Medford), Peace House of Ashland OR, Eugene PeaceWorks, Oregon PeaceWorks, Yamhill Valley Peacemakers, Peace Action Council of the, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, Central Oregon Peace Network, Code Pink Corvallis, Albany Peace Seekers, Portland Rainbow Coalition, American Friends Service Committee, Portland Catholic Worker-Dorothy Day House, East Timor Action Network-Portland, PDX Peace Coalition, Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights, Street Roots, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Rising Tide North America-Cascadia, Oregon Democratic Peace Caucus, Workers International League, Peace Memorial Park (Portland), Oregonians Against the War, Peace Action Committee of the First Unitarian Church, Oregon Wildlife Federation, American Iranian Friendship Council, Love Makes a Family, Oregon Action, Rural Organizing Project, Portland Jobs with Justice, Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice (Ashland), PCUN (Northwest Tree Planters and Farm Workers Union), Veterans for Peace Chapter 72 (Portland), Veterans for Peace Chapter 132 (Corvallis), Veterans for Peace Chapter 141 (Bandon), Rogue Valley Veterans for Peace Chapter 156 (Grants Pass), Northwest Veterans for Peace, Iraq Veterans Against the War-Oregon Chapter, Military Families Speak Out-Oregon and others



Keep the Oregon Guard in Oregon

Sending the Guard to Iraq or Afghanistan is:

- Unlawful
- Morally Wrong
- Can Be Stopped

I'd Like to Help the Guard Home Campaign

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Rep. _____

I'll contact my Senator:

Sen. _____

I'll make phone calls

I'll donate \$ _____

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