

- ✧ The purposes of the 2002 Congressional authorization to deploy the guard to Iraq have expired. No weapons of mass destruction were ever found and therefore no UN Resolutions remain to be enforced. Clearly, Iraq does not pose a threat to our national security.
- ✧ The Payton/Ferlo bill clarifies that, in the absence of any authority to keep the State Guard in Federal service, the authority over them should revert back to the State. Congress would have to pass a new AUMF to keep them overseas.
- ✧ The 2008 Autumn deployment of PA Guard forces will place roughly 25% of the total strength of the PA National Guard in overseas, mostly in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ✧ Governor Rendell has expressed concern that deployment of the PA National Guard for any long-term period of time would hurt the ability of Pennsylvania to respond to emergencies, such as economic crises, hurricanes, floods, and other large-scale natural disasters.

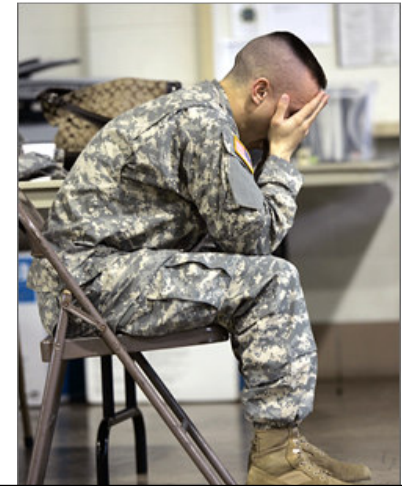


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Call your PA State Representatives and ask them to vote for
the Payton bill in the House HB 2402 and
the Ferlo bill in the Senate
Senate: 717-787-7163 General Assembly: 717-787-2372

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Don't send him back to WAR!

KEEP THE GUARD!

George Bush wants to send the Pennsylvania National Guard, and Guard units around the country back to war in the Mid East! We need your help ...

KEEP THE GUARD HOME!

A national campaign is underway in multiple states to bring attention to the fact that the October 2002 Authorization to Use Military Force, enabling Bush to have sent our National Guard to Iraq, has **EXPIRED**.

"It is clear that the mission that Congress authorized no longer exists. The President has no current or permanent legal authority to keep Guard members in Iraq."

~ Rep. Michael Fisher, Vermont State House

Over the last few years, many states and municipalities passed resolutions calling on the President and Congress to end the war and bring our troops home to American soil. This resolution movement spread across the country demonstrating public opposition at the grass-roots level to inappropriate use of the Guard for an illegal, un-popular war.

Today we launch a new movement, organized from a wide variety of groups throughout the Commonwealth that have been working in cooperation with United for Peace and Justice. Our campaign is designed to use the weight that states have in governing their National Guard. Our bill says in short: "Washington made up the rules under which State National Guards were deployed to Iraq. It's time to follow those rules. The authority to keep State National Guard troops in Iraq has expired."

We are building public pressure to pass legislation in the State House and Senate to give the Governor the ability to **Keep the Guard Home!** Our bill is rooted in the Constitution and laws of the United States:

- Persons enlisting in the State Guard simultaneously enlist in the National Guard of the United States, a part of the Army. The enlistees retain their status as State Guard members unless and until ordered to active federal duty, and they revert to state status upon being released from federal service.
- Each State's Guard unit is controlled by the Governor unless called up for federal duty by the President pursuant to his authority under law.
- The President obtained his authority for calling the State Guard to serve in Iraq from a 2002 congressional **Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF)**, which limited the authorization to the purposes of defending the national security from Iraqi threats and to enforce UN Security Council Resolutions relating to Iraq. Neither the AUMF nor any other law authorizes an indefinite assignment of State Guard members to the National Guard of the United States.

Resolution Calling for Bringing and Keeping the Pennsylvania National Guard Home

Be it resolved, the citizens of Pennsylvania demand:

1. That our Governor immediately pursue and exhaust every avenue in his power to stop further deployment of Pennsylvania National Guard troops to Iraq.
2. That our Governor pursue and exhaust every avenue in his power to bring the Pennsylvania National Guard troops currently deployed in Iraq home without delay.

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Please return by August 25 to: Merton Center anti-war committee

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Names will be sent to the Governor, State Legislature and to others to further the goals of the campaign.