

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency
Management, Federal and World Affairs
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB947

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt, I am a U.S. Army and National Guard vet deploying to Iraq during OIF and OND. It is important for you lawmakers to understand that the army and the national guard are both government entities under government controls with appointed government leaders that make the decisions that army and national guard soldiers have to follow or face jail time and imprisonment, or if you will, be threatened with loss of your life, liberty, and property. And to be certain both government entities being state and federal refer to their standing forces as soldiers for a reason. As surely as there is a big difference between the U.S. federal Army and the state national guards, with one reporting to the president as their commander and one reporting to a governor as their commander, there is also a big difference between the national guard who swears allegiance to and cedes control to an elected commander and government entity and a militia which is a loosely organized but internally disciplined outfit of able bodied and armed men who would come together in a moments notice to defend their communities in the face of violation of their constitutional rights being the pursuit of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness by any government entity whether it be a foreign invader or domestic tyranny.

Back in the 18th century, a "regular" army meant an army that had standard military equipment. So a "well regulated" army was simply one that was "well equipped" and organized. It does not refer to a professional army. The 17th century folks used the term "standing army" or "regulars" to describe a professional army. Therefore, "a well regulated militia" only means a well equipped militia that was organized and maintained internal discipline. It does not imply the modern meaning of "regulated," which means controlled or administered by some superior entity. Words have power and can be easily manipulated if you don't use them in the right context and understand the times and eras in which they were used where they would have different implied meanings. Please do not take away from the meaning, intent, and purpose of the 2nd amendment which is to counter tyrannical behaviors that we see come from government leaders and bodies by putting guns into the hands of WE THE PEOPLE being all able bodied adult citizens where they could in turn organize together and confront tyranny. Please vote NO on SB-947. Thank you

Sincerely,
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