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Having a bit more understanding of the definitions of Militia, it is still a concerning thought as to what militia truly is. In a degrading comment made that militia is only a bunch of locals grabbing guns and causing havoc is demining as a grandson of a Militiaman. During WWII, State of Oregon called upon the Militia across the state to be at ready for possible attack by Japan, in which, Japan had sent bombs by balloons that hit throughout the Northwest. For my grandfather, who was medical exempt from serving in the military due to an ulcer in his right leg, and for him to keep that leg, his left leg was medically crippled with a vein transfer at age 16 so he can keep his right leg. My grandpa walked miles of railroad, in part living next to the railroad next to his property outside of town and into town, when needed, chasing fires started by the balloon bombs.

The general definition of Militia is a citizens grouping, being it something like Antifa or Proud Boys (neither I support due to the havoc they create), a gun range club, or family who target shoots pizza boxes, hopefully after the pizza box been properly emptied prior, with coffee, snacks, soda or BBQ or whatever, should not be considered as part of the national guard. National Guard in this alteration dilutes the meaning of the National Guard to include non-military-based folks? It really does not make sense.

The meaning and what the Militia is, has been, still holds meaning and clarity what is citizen level group and not be confused with a federal based organized militia, like the National Guard. It's really a disappointment of those in militia to be diminished under stereotyping militia as a bunch of morons get guns and wreak havoc. What would be next? Making militias illegal?