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The Oregon National Guard belongs in OREGON. The national guard domestically is a valuable organization for disaster management, crowd control and other situations where a well equipped and organized body can be used to augment local law, medical and fire support. Their FIRST duty is to serve the people of OREGON. If they are not needed here, the NATIONAL part of their name indicates they can be sent to disasters and other emergencies WITHIN the UNITED STATES. The GOVERNOR as the the civilian commander has sole authority for deploying the OREGON NATIONAL guard. The only reason the OREGON NATIONAL guard should be deployed OUTSIDE the UNITED STATES is if there is a Congressional DECLARATION OF WAR. There has not been a declaration of war since 1941. If the FEDERAL government wants to use STATE guards, then congress needs to do its job. The GOVERNOR of OREGON under the 10th amendment can and should be able to assert the authority and protect the OREGON guard and keep them here UNLESS there is a declaration of war.