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Stunned. Just stunned.



“If I walked into my place of work tomorrow and I saw this, I’d be stunned myself,” one National Guard soldier tells me after I expressed my shock in some impolite terms

Rep. Andy Kim, who worked in Afghanistan, stood with me for a few minutes and took in the scene.

“How did it get so bad here? How did we get to this point as a country?” he asked

“One for the history books. We haven’t seen this in over 160 years, since the Civil War,” a National Guard soldier says to his buddy

There are at least a thousand, probably more, National Guard troops all over the Capitol Visitor Center, Emancipation Hall, and surrounding hallways. They’re sleeping in reception areas, the cafeteria, the entrance to the building. Everywhere.



One National Guard soldier, who is from Virginia, said he’s never been to the Capitol before. He asked me if the gift shop will open.

“We’re tourists too. This is kind of cool,” he said after I explained that tourists normally enter the building here

After I commented on the fact they’re sleeping on cold marble floors, and that they could some cots, one National Guard soldier politely declined.

He was afraid they would “destroy the floors of one of the coolest buildings in the world.”

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Reps Michael Waltz and Vicky Hartzler handing out We The Pizza to some troops



Rep. Chris Smith, who had stopped by to say hello to guardsmen from his state of New Jersey, says the overwhelming show of force at the Capitol today is intended to "hopefully" have a "chilling effect on anyone who seeks to do harm"

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