Public Hearings
Selective Service
How to Meet Potential National Mobilization Needs
April 24, 2019

Program 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Opening Statement and Remarks
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman and Vice Chair Debra Wada

Panelists Testify

Panelist Q&A
(two rounds of questions directly from Commissioners)

Public Comments
(individuals will have two minutes to relate their comments)

Closing Statement
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman

Commissioners
- The Honorable Dr. Joseph Heck, Chairman
- The Honorable Mark Gearan, Vice Chair for National and Public Service
- The Honorable Debra Wada, Vice Chair for Military Service
- Mr. Edward Allard III, Commissioner
- Mr. Steve Barney, Commissioner
- The Honorable Dr. Janine Davidson, Commissioner
- The Honorable Avril Haines, Commissioner
- Ms. Jeanette James, Commissioner
- Mr. Alan Khazei, Commissioner
- Mr. Thomas Kilgannon, Commissioner
- Ms. Shawn Skelly, Commissioner

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THE HONORABLE DONALD BENTON, DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE, U.S. SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Senator Don Benton was appointed by President Donald J. Trump to be the 13th Director of the U.S. Selective Service System on April 11, 2017. He was sworn in by Justice Samuel Alito at the Supreme Court on April 13, 2017. Prior to his appointment as Director of the Selective Service System, President Trump named Benton as a Senior White House Advisor to lead the transition team at the Environmental Protection Agency. Benton is the son of a WWII Retired Naval Officer and the brother of two Vietnam combat veterans. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army under the Guaranteed Enlistment Program, later receiving an Honorable Discharge. Benton brings over 30 years of public service experience to Selective Service. He was a Washington state senator for 20 years. He was elected Chairman of the Washington State Republican Party. Benton served in the state House of Representatives for two years. Don Benton and his wife of 36 years, Mary, have four children.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN EVANS, U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND, COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND AND FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

Major General Evans is currently the Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, Kentucky. He received his Army commission in 1988 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Appalachian State University. He was assigned to the Aviation Branch and completed flight school in 1990. After deploying to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm with the 82nd Airborne Division, he served with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell in positions of increasing responsibility. Major General Evans is a graduate of the Armor Advanced Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Naval War College. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. Most recently, General Evans commanded the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command prior to taking command of U.S. Army Cadet Command.

MAJOR GENERAL LINDA SINGH, ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

Major General Linda L. Singh was appointed as the 29th Adjutant General of Maryland in 2015. The Adjutant General is responsible for the daily operations of the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army and Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and Maryland Defense Force. Singh received her commission in 1991 through Officer Candidate School at the Maryland Military Academy. Her military career spans more than 30 years of service in both the enlisted and officer ranks. She has served in staff and command assignments at every level, including deployed assignments in Kosovo and a combat tour in Afghanistan. She retired as Managing Director in Accenture’s Health and Public Service North America operating unit in May of 2016. General Singh is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Columbia Union College, and a master’s degree in Business Administration, Military Management from Touro International University.

DR. JACQUELYN SCHNEIDER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Jacquelyn G. Schneider is an Assistant Professor and core faculty member of the Cyber and Innovation Policy Institute at the Naval War College. Her work on technology, national security, and political psychology has appeared in Journal of Conflict Resolution, Security Studies, Strategic Studies Quarterly, and forthcoming at Journal of Strategic Studies. Her chapter on cyber and cross-domain deterrence is featured in Cross Domain Deterrence: Strategy in an Era of Complexity, Oxford University Press. In addition to her scholarly publications, Dr. Schneider’s analyses have been published in Foreign Affairs, Counsel on Foreign Relations, Cipher Brief, War on the Rocks, Washington Post, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, National Interest, and The Center for a New American Security. In 2018, Dr. Schneider was included in CyberScoop’s List of Influential Cyber Experts. She has a BA from Columbia University, a MA from Arizona State University, and a PhD from George Washington University. She is currently an Air Force reservist at Cyber Command.

DR. BERNIE ROSTKER, FORMER SENIOR FELLOW, RAND CORPORATION

Until recently Dr. Rostker was a senior fellow at the RAND Corporation where his research focused on medical care for wounded soldiers, managing the all-volunteer force and reforming the military by lengthening military careers. Previously he held a number of senior positions at the Defense Department and with the Selective Service System: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Under Secretary of the Army; Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses; and Director of Selective Service. During the Clinton administration he was the Secretary of Defense’s senior policy advisor on recruitment, career development, pay, and benefits for 1.4 million active-duty military personnel, 1.3 million Guard and Reserve personnel, and 725,000 DoD civilians. He also had oversight responsibilities for the DoD health delivery system. As director of Selective Service during the Carter administration, he formulated the Selective Service Revitalization Plan. Under his leadership, the first mass selective service registration since World War II was executed, and almost four million young men registered. Over his career, he was nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate four times and received a number of awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal from Selective Service, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Army, and the Department of Defense. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and received his Ph.D. in economics from Syracuse University.