Mobilization Exercise 2023

Initial Planning Meeting (IPM)
IPM Agenda

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Strategic Plan

• Strategic Goal 1
  – Provide timely manpower to the Department of Defense
    • 1.2: Improve the ability to call, classify and deliver manpower to DOD when required

• Strategic Goal 3
  – Ensure management excellence by promoting economy, efficiency and effectiveness throughout Selective Service System programs and supporting operations
    • 3.4: Ensure resource management systems and personnel structure are scalable for mobilization

MOE: Successful exercise of operational plans, systems, and processes over the next 5 years with lessons learned incorporated and plans validated.
Scope

• Conduct a series of planning meetings in preparation to conduct a two-day exercise covering Mobilization and the National Draft Lottery.
  – Initial Planning Meeting (IPM)
  – Midterm Planning Meeting (MPM)
  – Final Planning Meeting (FPM)
– Exercise
  • Phase 1 – Tabletop meeting w/ PIA
  • Phase 2 – Lottery Execution, Notification
Planning Schedule

Meeting Dates

- APRIL 4, 2023: Initial Planning Meeting
- APRIL 11, 2023: Midterm Planning Meeting
- APRIL 26, 2023: Final Planning Meeting

Initial

- Formal kickoff of interagency mobilization planning sessions.
- Discuss scope and objective of planning meetings and mobilization exercise.
- Discuss various department roles and responsibilities regarding mobilization exercise.

Midterm

- Midterm Review of department mobilization planning drafts
- Discussions on logistical and administrative issues regarding
- Confirmation of exercise timeline.

Final

- Conduct final overview of interagency lottery plans
- Resolution of any outstanding planning issues.
- Final run-through of mobilization exercise plan w/ all interagency stakeholders.
Meeting Objectives

• Discuss mobilization planning schedule
• Ensure exercise objectives are clearly defined and measurable
• Determine additional exercise objectives outside those already established by the Operations Directorate
Participants

- Operations - Exercise Lead / Participant
  - Works with NHQ directorates to coordinate and provides support through all phases of exercise,
  - Acts as Controller for all phases of Mobilization exercise
  - Responsible for execution of National Draft Lottery

- Public and Intergovernmental Affairs - Participant
  - Facilitator in Tabletop Exercise (TTX) – Mobilization
  - Responsible for remarks of Opening and Closing of Lottery ceremony (ex. speeches for SSS Officials, formal production notes and announcer scripts.)
  - Provides and Executes Draft Lottery Media Plan (ex. drafts press releases, organizes online social media content campaign, governs press pool and credentials)

- Logistics – Participant
  - Participant in Tabletop Exercise – Mobilization
  - Provides Draft Lottery Logistics Support (ex. Equipment Setup/Takedown, Venue and Physical Security)

- Information Technology – Participant
  - Participant in Tabletop Exercise – Mobilization
Exercise Scenario

• Day 1
  – Mobilization minus 180 days (M-180)
    • The Agency has received multiple indications and warnings that the JCS, DoD P&R and POTUS have requested a return to conscription.
    • Congress has contacted the Director of Selective Service to identify key SSS personnel to participate as part of commission to review and update the MSSA.

• Day 2
  – Mobilization plus 3 (M+3)
    • The Agency has received authorization to return to conscription. The President has directed the Director of Selective Service to conduct a National Draft Lottery.
    • The lottery will establish the priority of call based on the birth dates of registrants. The first men drafted would be those turning age 20 during the calendar year of the lottery.
    • Because of the enormous impact of this lottery, it will be conducted publicly, with full coverage by the media. Accredited observers from public interest groups will have full access to observe the proceedings.
Exercise Scenario

• The US and Azerbaijan are experiencing increasing political tensions due to a dispute over territorial claims in the Caspian Sea.

• Diplomatic relations have deteriorated, A physical conflict ignites with both sides accusing the other of initiating hostilities. The fighting quickly escalates, with both the United States and Azerbaijan mobilizing their military forces.

• The President, speaking before a special session of Congress, outlines the defense requirements of the Nation. In his speech, the President requests the reenactment of Selective Service legislation to supplement voluntary recruiting.

• The Agency has been receiving calls regarding the President's recent address to Congress. The Department of Defense has identified an immediate requirement of 100,000 bodies to bolster its active components.
Exercise Phases

Exercise
April 26th, May 1st, May 8th

-Phase 1 – Tabletop Planning Meeting (April 26th)
  - Limited to 2 hours
  - Discussion-based session focused on PIA's media response in Mobilization
    - Will be an open, low-stress, no-fault environment
    - Participants will respond to the scenario using knowledge of current plans, capabilities, and insight derived from any training.
    - This is an opportunity to discuss and present multiple options, define process flow and identify gaps, offer possible resolutions.

- Phase 2 – Simulation
  - Draft Lottery Simulation (May 1st)
  - Hotwash
  - Notification Exercise (May 8th)
Current Action Items

• Collaborate with NHQ Operations to discuss participant roles and plan mobilization exercise activities

• Refine and complete Exercise Documentation
Questions?