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Reserve Mobilization



Reserve component units must be ready to mobilize and deploy rapidly. In order to prepare now for quick deployment later, Department of the Army has outlined the following tasks for units and individual unit members. If each task is completed during the proper phase of mobilization, units will be well prepared and the reservist will make a smooth transition from citizen-soldier to combat-ready soldier. To facilitate this transition, mobilization has been divided into six phases.

Premobilization phase: This is the normal status of activity for Reserve component units. They train now for the day they will be needed. Each unit must prepare a mobilization file that contains Army Regulations 135-1 and 135-300, Forces Command Regulation 55-1, higher headquarters mobilization plan, a unit alert plan that includes an alert notification roster, a movement plan that includes the COMPASS printout and vehicle loading cards, and a checklist of unit actions. This is also the time individuals in the unit should gather and organize personal records so that dependents will be able to obtain identification cards that entitle them to exchange and commissary privileges and medical benefits.

Alert phase: The unit is notified that it is to be mobilized. Selected members of the unit are called to active duty in advance of the unit to assist in preparation for the unit's transition to active duty.

Mobilization at home station phase: The entire unit is activated. Readiness training is stepped up, personnel and equipment requisitions are completed, and unit equipment is prepared for movement. Some members of the unit move into the armory or reserve center; others live at home, reporting to duty each day. Dependent identification card applications are filled out.

Move to mobilization station phase: The Reserve component unit leaves its home station and moves to an installation to prepare for deployment or to fulfill its assigned mission.

Operational readiness determination phase: Training and preparation for deployment begin in earnest at the mobilization station. Equipment and personnel shortages are filled, and troops receive training in arms firing, communications, field movement, and equipment maintenance. Administrative processing continues at night. Higher headquarters scrutinize each unit closely to determine its readiness for deployment.

Movement to port of embarkation phase: The unit leaves the mobilization station for the port of embarkation. If the unit has planned well and trained hard for this moment, it is ready to deploy.

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