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SUBJ/ OPERATIONALIZE COMMANDER, NAVAL INFORMATION FORCE RESERVE
(CNIFR) OPERATIONAL PLANNING TEAM (OPT) AND TABLE TOP EXERCISE
(TTX) PLANNING ORDER//

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NARR/REF A IS OPNAVNOTE 5400, CHANGE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN
COMMAND FOR COMMANDER, NAVAL INFORMATION FORCE RESERVE. REF B IS
COMNAVRESFORINST 5450.39, MISSIONS, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF
COMMANDER, NAVAL INFORMATION FORCE RESERVE. REF C IS
OPNAVNOTE 5400, RENAME AND MODIFICATION OF COMMANDER NAVAL
INFORMATION FORCE RESERVE SIX ECHELON IV ACTIVE DUTY COMMANDS.
REF D IS TASKORD OPERATIONALIZE CNIFR PILOT PROGRAM. REF E IS JOINT
PUBLICATION 5-0, JOINT PLANNING. REF F IS NAVY WARFARE PUBLICATION
5-01, NAVY PLANNING.//

RMKS/1. SITUATION. Over the last two years of implementing the
Operationalize Commander, Naval Information Force Reserve (CNIFR)
initiative to develop and generate Information
Warfare (IW) readiness and achieve an organic mobilization
capability, we have identified barriers to execution of the
missions, functions, and tasks for CNIFR.

2. BACKGROUND.

2.A. Effective 1 Oct 2018, CNIFR was elevated to echelon 3 status
revising its chain of command subordinate to Commander, Navy Reserve
Force (CNRF) as codified by reference (a).

2.B. In Mar 2022, the Chief of Navy Reserve (CNR) conceptually approved CNIFR's establishment of an Operational Planning Team (OPT) to implement the Operationalize CNIFR initiative. The OPT was charged with transforming the 8,000-member IW Reserve community to deliver a highly skilled and warfighting ready IW Reserve force to the Navy and Marine Corps team and to Joint forces in support of national priorities. The desired end state results in CNIFR fully executing its Type Command (TYCOM) authorities to organize, man, train and equip the IW reserve force; optimized command and control (C2) and support to Navy and Joint forces for both steady-state and combat operations; and, development of an organic capability to mobilize the IW reserve force.

2.C. In Jul 2023, CNRF delegated to CNIFR the authority to function as the IW Reserve Component TYCOM with responsibilities to train and professionally develop the Navy IW Reserve Force. Mission, functions and tasks were codified by CNRF via reference (b).

2.D. Effective 1 Oct 2023, the Navy established six Echelon 4 active duty shore commands, known as Naval Information Force Reserve Readiness Centers (NIFR REDCENs), via reference (c). The establishment of NIFR REDCENs achieve immediate and sustainable support for IW Reserve Sailors by prioritizing mobilization and warfighting readiness objectives specific to the IW community.

2.E. In furtherance of the Operationalize CNIFR effort, the transfer of four functions and tasks (FTs) from Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (CNRFC) to CNIFR was approved: Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus, Ombudsman, Unclassified NMCI/Flank Speed Account Management and Physical Readiness Program. The transfer of these four FTs was codified by CNRF via reference (d).

2.F. The OPT will explore ways to expedite the transfer of appropriate FTs from CNRFC to CNIFR for the IW SELRES community. The reallocation of resources, including manpower/manning, Reserve Personnel Navy (RPN) and Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve (OMNR), between CNRFC and CNIFR shall be considered; with the transfer of any resources, CNIFR assumes all responsibility of respective FTs.

2.G. The actions prescribed in this PLANORD will utilize the processes outlined in reference (e) and reference (f) to:

- i. Ensure a common understanding of the situation.
- ii. Develop potential courses of action (COA).
- iii. Aid commanders in their respective decision cycles.
- iv. Create written plans and orders to ensure the ability to transfer resources from CNRFC to CNIFR.

3. SCHEDULE.

3.A. FY-24 Operationalize CNIFR Mission Analysis and COA Development.

3.A.i. CNIFR will coordinate and stand up an OPT in order to execute the mission analysis and course of action (COA) development phases of the Navy planning process on or about 20-21 Mar 2024. This OPT will be held in-person in Norfolk, VA and will include members, by invitation, from all Echelon I/II/III stakeholders.

3.A.ii. The OPT will utilize processes of reference (e) and reference (f) to validate and update all assumptions of any previous mission analyses performed and to develop potential courses of action to identify barriers to an NRC(s) transfer.

3.B. FY-24 Operationalize CNIFR COA Analysis and Wargaming

3.B.i. The OPT will conduct COA analysis and wargaming phases of the Navy planning process on or about 24-25 April 2024. This OPT phase will be conducted as a table-top exercise (TTX); it will be held in-person in Norfolk, VA and will include members, by invitation, from all Echelon I/II/III stakeholders.

3.B.ii. The TTX will utilize processes in reference (e) and reference (f) to test and evaluate potential COAs developed during the preceding OPT.

3.C Initial planning sessions are designed for the Echelon III and above commands. Echelon IV and below commands will be invited to participate at a later date.

4. TASKS

4.A. CNIFR, in coordination with CNRFC, will plan, manage, and execute the events described in paragraph 3, as directed by CNRF.

4.B. All supporting commanders will participate in these events via the attendance and participation of their invited subject matter experts (SMEs).

4.C. For these events, objectives include the following tasks:

4.C.1. Identify mission and intent, purpose, externally imposed limitations, and facts and assumptions.

4.C.2. Validate/update facts and assumptions, staff estimates, risk assessments, and decision tools.

4.C.3. Identify resource shortfalls.

4.C.4. Identify needed authorities.

4.C.5. Identify enablers for the successful execution of NRC(s) transfer.

4.C.6 Prioritize requirements and resource shortfalls to enable Commanders' decision making.

4.C.7 Establish the necessary conditions for future directive development.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. This directive does not appropriate funds. Conduct events on a not-to-interfere basis with real-world operations and mobilizations.

6. COMMAND AND CONTROL

6.A. Supported Command

6.A.1. Commander, Naval Information Force Reserve CNIFR

6.B. Supporting Commands

6.B.1. Commander, Navy Reserve Forces CNR

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