

MOBILIZATION IN DATED PARALLEL

The pre-war generation.

1933 – 1941 · 2022 – 2026

Two speeches in late 2025 closed a comparison the Western public had been told was paranoid. **This is the calendar.**

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2025 · PARIS AND LONDON

Two speeches that closed the gap.

On **18 November 2025**, France's Chief of Defence Staff told the nation's mayors to be ready *"to accept losing its children."*

On **15 December 2025**, the United Kingdom's Chief of the Defence Staff stood at Banqueting House and said, by name: *"Fabien Mandon was right."*

That is the register Churchill used three days into the German offensive in the West, on 13 May 1940. Mandon and Knighton are using it **in peacetime**, in front of mayors and at a defence think-tank dinner.

That is the new fact.

PHASE · REARMAMENT DECLARED

Berlin in 1935. Berlin again in 2022.

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16 March 1935

Hitler reintroduces conscription

"Law for the Building up of the Wehrmacht" — **36 divisions, 550,000-man peacetime army**, in open breach of Versailles. Britain responds with the Anglo-German Naval Agreement on 18 June. The League does nothing.

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27 February 2022

Scholz Zeitenwende, Bundestag

"€100 billion · more than 2% of GDP, year after year." NATO commits to **5% of GDP by 2035** at The Hague Summit, 25 June 2025. ReArm Europe: **€800B.**

PHASE · ALLIED WARNING

"The years that the locust hath eaten."

THEN

12 November 1936

Churchill, House of Commons

"Decided only to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity... the years that the locust hath eaten." One year after Hitler's conscription move. Munich is two years away.

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15 January 2024

Shapps, Lancaster House

"From a post-war to a pre-war world."
Polish PM Donald Tusk follows on 29 March 2024: *"A new era has begun: the pre-war era. I'm not exaggerating; it's becoming clearer every day."*

PHASE · MILITARY TO CIVILIANS

When generals talk to the public.

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13 May 1940

Churchill, House of Commons

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." Three days into the German offensive in the West. Belgium is collapsing. **Wartime, not pre-war.**

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24 January 2024

Sanders, UK Chief of the General Staff

The British public is a *"pre-war generation"* who must be *"prepared mentally to fight."* Adm. Bauer at NATO HQ, 17 Jan 2024: *"Anything can happen at any time."*

Sons and daughters.

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13 May 1940

Churchill, "victory at all costs"

"Victory at all costs... without victory, there is no survival." Delivered after Belgium and the Netherlands had fallen.
Under bombardment.

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18 Nov · 15 Dec 2025

Mandon (Paris) → Knighton (London)

Mandon to French mayors: *« accepter de perdre ses enfants »* — accept losing its children. Knighton at RUSI: *"Fabien Mandon was right... more families will know what sacrifice for our nation means."* **Peacetime. On the record.**

PHASE · PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

The draft returns to Europe.

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26 May 1939**UK Military Training Act**

First British peacetime conscription. **US Selective Training and Service Act** follows on 16 September 1940 — first peacetime draft in US history, 15 months before Pearl Harbor.

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1 January 2026**Twelve states. Five-year clock.**

Germany's WModG in force (passed 5 Dec 2025, **323–272**). Latvia 1 Jan 2024 · Croatia in barracks 9 Mar 2026 · Denmark women 1 Jul 2025 · France voluntary summer 2026.

Who is allowed to leave.

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3 September 1939

UK National Service (Armed Forces) Act

Royal Assent on the day of the declaration of war. Covers **all men 18–41**. Women conscripted by the National Service (No. 2) Act, 18 December 1941.

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1 January 2026

Germany · §3(2) Wehrpflichtgesetz

Men **17–45** need Bundeswehr approval for stays abroad over 3 months. Statute reads *"is to be granted."* Enforcement suspended by Pistorius order, 7 April 2026. Ukraine bars men 18–60 since 24 Feb 2022.

PHASE · INDUSTRIAL CONVERSION

When the Pentagon calls Detroit.

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18 April 1941**Ford breaks ground on Willow Run**

B-24 Liberator bomber plant. Civilian US auto production halts **10 February 1942** by War Production Board order. Last Ford passenger car off the line. No civilian autos until October 1945.

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15 April 2026**WSJ · Pentagon → GM, Ford, GE Aerospace, Oshkosh**

Defence Secretary **Hegseth** in talks with CEOs **Barra (GM), Farley (Ford)** and others re a "*wartime footing.*" Oshkosh confirms talks since November 2025.

CLOSING · THE LOAD-BEARING RECORD

Pattern recognition, not prophecy.

2022 - 2026 · EIGHT LOAD-BEARING DATES

27 Feb 2022	Scholz Zeitenwende	17 Jan 2024	Bauer at NATO HQ
24 Jan 2024	Sanders, "pre-war generation"	25 Jun 2025	NATO 5% by 2035
18 Nov 2025	Mandon, Paris	15 Dec 2025	Knighton, London
1 Jan 2026	WDMoG in force, Berlin	15 Apr 2026	WSJ Pentagon-GM-Ford

*The state has begun answering, on behalf of its citizens,
the question: **who are you if war comes?***

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