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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 THROUGH APRIL 2016**

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2016 through April 2016.

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2016 accession goals through April 2016. The Army missed by 3,098.
  - Army – 29,252 accessions, with a goal of 32,350; 90.4 percent.
  - Navy – 19,214 accessions, with a goal of 19,214; 100.0 percent.
  - Marine Corps – 14,278 accessions, with a goal of 14,262; 100.1 percent.
  - Air Force – 16,645 accessions, with a goal of 16,645; 100.0 percent.
- **Retention.** The Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps exhibited strong retention numbers for the 7th month of FY 2016.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals through April 2016. The Air National Guard was 22 short of its FYTD 2016 goal and Army National Guard data were not available due to data system issues.
- All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - Army National Guard – N/A
  - Army Reserve – 16,157 accessions, with a goal of 14,726; 109.7 percent.
  - Navy Reserve – 3,999 accessions, with a goal of 3,999; 100.0 percent.
  - Marine Corps Reserve – 4,096 accessions, with a goal of 4,058; 100.9 percent.
  - Air National Guard – 5,110 accessions, with a goal of 5,132; 99.6 percent.
  - Air Force Reserve – 4,355 accessions, with a goal of 4,355; 100.0 percent.
- **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their FYTD attrition goals. Currently, DoD allows for a 2% increase from the component established ceiling to be considered acceptable. (Note: This indicator lags by 1 month due to data availability).

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.

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