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

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

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** All four of the active Services met or exceeded its FY 2016 accession goals.
 - Army – 62,682 accessions, with a goal of 62,500; 100.3 percent.
 - Navy – 30,606 accessions, with a goal of 30,606; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 30,508 accessions, with a goal of 30,500; 100.0 percent.
 - Air Force – 31,757 accessions, with a goal of 31,461; 100.9 percent.
 - **Quality.** All four Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** The Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force finished FY 2016 with strong retention numbers, meeting or exceeding 95 percent in each category with only Marine Corps Subsequent Term retention below 100 percent (96 percent).
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded its FY 2016 accession goals.
 - **Quality.** All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - Army National Guard – 38,704 accessions, with a goal of 36,800; 105.2 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 26,177 accessions, with a goal of 25,900; 101.1 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 7,165 accessions, with a goal of 7,146; 100.3 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 7,615 accessions, with a goal of 7,557; 100.7 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 9,639 accessions, with a goal of 9,103; 105.9 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 7,383 accessions, with a goal of 5,625; 131.3 percent.
 - **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their fiscal year-to-date attrition goals through August 2016. Currently, DoD allows for a 2 percent 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.