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

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

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2016 accession goals through August 2016. The Army missed by 1,347.
 - Army – 54,043 accessions, with a goal of 55,390; 97.6 percent.
 - Navy – 29,500 accessions, with a goal of 29,500; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 26,916 accessions, with a goal of 26,888; 100.1 percent.
 - Air Force – 28,787 accessions, with a goal of 28,147; 102.3 percent.
- **Quality.** All four Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
- **Retention.** The Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps exhibited strong retention numbers for the 11th month of FY 2016.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals through August 2016.
- **Quality.** All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - Army National Guard – 36,492 accessions, with a goal of 36,329; 100.4 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 24,215 accessions, with a goal of 23,786; 101.8 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 6,681 accessions, with a goal of 6,681; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 7,480 accessions, with a goal of 7,358; 101.7 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 8,498 accessions, with a goal of 8,498; 100.0 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 6,768 accessions, with a goal of 5,524; 122.5 percent.
- **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their FYTD attrition goals. 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.