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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 2015**

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2016 through December 2015.

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** All four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2016 accession goals through December 2015.
 - Army – 10,279 accessions, with a goal of 10,035; 102.4 percent.
 - Navy – 7,611 accessions, with a goal of 7,611; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 6,044 accessions, with a goal of 6,034; 100.2 percent.
 - Air Force – 6,425 accessions, with a goal of 6,425; 100.0 percent.
- **Retention.** The Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps exhibited strong retention numbers for the 3rd month of FY 2016.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals through December 2015. The Army National Guard missed by 2,526. All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - Army National Guard – 11,356 accessions, with a goal of 13,882; 81.8 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 6,834 accessions, with a goal of 5,961; 114.6 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 1,583 accessions, with a goal of 1,583; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 1,932 accessions, with a goal of 1,861; 103.8 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 2,080 accessions, with a goal of 2,080; 100.0 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 1,817 accessions, with a goal of 1,817; 100.0 percent.
- **Attrition** – Six of the 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.