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

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

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2016 accession goals through July 2016. The Army missed by 2,732.
 - Army – 44,863 accessions, with a goal of 47,595; 94.3 percent.
 - Navy – 27,709 accessions, with a goal of 27,709; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 23,038 accessions, with a goal of 23,012; 100.1 percent.
 - Air Force – 25,237 accessions, with a goal of 24,985; 101.0 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 10th month of FY 2016.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals through July 2016. The Army National Guard missed by 4,267.
- **Quality.** All six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - Army National Guard – 34,451 accessions, with a goal of 38,718; 89.0 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 22,270 accessions, with a goal of 21,339; 104.4 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 5,985 accessions, with a goal of 5,985; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 6,552 accessions, with a goal of 6,452; 101.5 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 7,534 accessions, with a goal of 7,534; 100.0 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 6,052 accessions, with a goal of 5,423; 111.6 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.