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.
  
  o 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.
  
  o Quality. All four Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.


• Reserve Component.

  o 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.

  o 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.

  o 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.