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

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

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2016 accession goals through May 2016. The Army missed by 4,058.
  - Army – 34,792 accessions, with a goal of 38,850; 89.6 percent.
  - Navy – 22,137 accessions, with a goal of 22,137; 100.0 percent.
  - Marine Corps – 16,406 accessions, with a goal of 16,387; 100.1 percent.
  - Air Force – 19,953 accessions, with a goal of 19,891; 100.3 percent.
- The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force met their quality goals; Army was within 0.2 percent of achieving its quality goal.
- **Retention.** The Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps exhibited strong retention numbers for the 8th month of FY 2016.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals through May 2016. The Air National Guard was 67 short of its FYTD 2016 goal and Army National Guard data was not available due to data system issues.
- All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - Army National Guard – N/A
  - Army Reserve – 18,512 accessions, with a goal of 16,962; 109.1 percent.
  - Navy Reserve – 4,482 accessions, with a goal of 4,482; 100.0 percent.
  - Marine Corps Reserve – 4,660 accessions, with a goal of 4,578; 101.8 percent.
  - Air National Guard – 5,880 accessions, with a goal of 5,947; 98.9 percent.
  - Air Force Reserve – 4,788 accessions, with a goal of 4,788; 100.0 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

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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.