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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 2017

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2017 through August 2017.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** All four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2017 accession goals through August 2017.
 - Army – 59,847 accessions, with a goal of 59,182; 101.1 percent.
 - Navy – 31,992 accessions, with a goal of 31,992; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 28,392 accessions, with a goal of 28,288; 100.4 percent.
 - Air Force – 28,935 accessions, with a goal of 28,913; 100.1 percent.
 - **Quality.** The Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force met their quality goals; Army was within 0.9 percent of achieving its quality goal.
 - **Retention.** All four active Services exhibited strong retention numbers in the aggregate for August 2017. The Army experienced improvement in the Initial zone and is holding steady in the Mid-Career and Careerist zone. The Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps are all at or above the 95% threshold in each zone.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their FYTD 2017 goal by 4,384, 408, and 514, respectively.
 - Army National Guard – 34,523 accessions, with a goal of 38,907; 88.7 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 21,516 accessions, with a goal of 21,924; 98.1 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 6,189 accessions, with a goal of 6,177; 100.2 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 8,279 accessions, with a goal of 8,175; 101.3 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 8,136 accessions, with a goal of 8,650; 94.1 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 6,583 accessions, with a goal of 5,053; 130.3 percent.
 - **Quality.** The six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** All six Reserve Components were within acceptable rates for their fiscal year-to-date attrition ceiling through July 2017. The Navy Reserve and Air National Guard attrition rates are higher than expected but they are still on track to meet End Strength for FY17; the Army Reserve is not projected to meet End Strength for FY17 (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.

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