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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 2016

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2017 through December 2016.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** All four of the active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2017 accession goals through December 2016.
 - Army – 9,414 accessions, with a goal of 8,900; 105.8 percent.
 - Navy – 6,745 accessions, with a goal of 6,745; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 6,132 accessions, with a goal of 6,119; 100.2 percent.
 - Air Force – 6,596 accessions, with a goal of 6,592; 100.1 percent.
 - **Quality.** The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force met their quality goals; Army was within 2.2 percent of achieving its quality goal.
 - **Retention.** The Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force exhibited strong retention numbers, meeting or exceeding 101 percent in each category for the third month of FY 2017.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals. Air National Guard was 326 short of its FYTD 2017 goal and Army National Guard did not submit data due to continued system issues.
 - Army National Guard – No Data Available.
 - Army Reserve – 6,060 accessions, with a goal of 5,942; 102.0 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 1,556 accessions, with a goal of 1,556; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 2,128 accessions, with a goal of 2,029; 104.9 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 1,822 accessions, with a goal of 2,148; 84.8 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 1,542 accessions, with a goal of 1,542; 100.0 percent.
 - **Quality.** Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks, Army National Guard did not submit data.
 - **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their fiscal year-to-date attrition goals through November 2016. 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 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.