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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 017

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

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** All four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year (FY) 2017 accession goals.
 - Army – 68,862 accessions, with a goal of 68,500; 100.5 percent.
 - Navy – 35,225 accessions, with a goal of 35,200; 100.1 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 32,059 accessions, with a goal of 31,994; 100.2 percent.
 - Air Force – 31,296 accessions, with a goal of 31,250; 100.1 percent.
 - **Quality.** All four active Services met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All four active Services closed out fiscal year 2017 with strong retention numbers in the aggregate.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FY 2017 accession goals. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their goal by 5,702, 1,128, and 280 respectively.
 - Army National Guard – 34,298 accessions, with a goal of 40,000; 85.7 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 13,272 accessions, with a goal of 14,400; 92.2 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 6,808 accessions, with a goal of 6,773; 100.5 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 8,422 accessions, with a goal of 8,422; 100.0 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 9,405 accessions, with a goal of 9,685; 97.1 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 7,125 accessions, with a goal of 5,063; 140.7 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 slightly higher than expected, but both components are on track to meet end strength objectives for FY17; the Army Reserve did meet its authorized 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.