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

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

- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2017 accession goals through February 2017. Army was short of its FYTD 2017 goal by 102.
    - Army – 22,643 accessions, with a goal of 22,744; 99.6 percent.
    - Navy – 12,032 accessions, with a goal of 12,032; 100.0 percent.
    - Marine Corps – 11,392 accessions, with a goal of 11,365; 100.2 percent.
    - Air Force – 12,554 accessions, with a goal of 12,543; 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 Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force exhibited strong retention numbers, meeting or exceeding 101 percent in each category for the fifth month of FY 2017. Due to a recent increase in Army's end-strength requirements, retention targets were increased, resulting in Army falling below its retention targets in both the Initial (94 percent) and the Career (93 percent) categories for FY 2017.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD accession goals. Army National Guard and Air National Guard were short of their FYTD 2017 goal by 1,289 and 482, respectively.
    - Army National Guard – 17,198 accessions, with a goal of 18,487; 93.0 percent.
    - Army Reserve – 10,391 accessions, with a goal of 9,416; 110.4 percent.
    - Navy Reserve – 2,659 accessions, with a goal of 2,659; 100.0 percent.
    - Marine Corps Reserve – 3,441 accessions, with a goal of 3,343; 102.9 percent.
    - Air National Guard – 3,240 accessions, with a goal of 3,722; 87.0 percent.
    - Air Force Reserve – 2,829 accessions, with a goal of 2,829; 100.0 percent.
  - **Quality.** The six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their fiscal year-to-date attrition goals through January 2017. 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.