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

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

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** All four of the active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2017 accession goals through January 2017.
 - Army – 17,380 accessions, with a goal of 16,499; 105.3 percent.
 - Navy – 9,488 accessions, with a goal of 9,488; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 9,792 accessions, with a goal of 9,773; 100.2 percent.
 - Air Force – 9,915 accessions, with a goal of 9,908; 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 102 percent in each category for the fourth month of 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 1,498 and 418, respectively.
 - Army National Guard – 13,726 accessions, with a goal of 15,224; 90.2 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 8,209 accessions, with a goal of 7,892; 104.0 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 2,124 accessions, with a goal of 2,124; 100.0 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 2,836 accessions, with a goal of 2,757; 102.9 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 2,519 accessions, with a goal of 2,937; 85.8 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 2,198 accessions, with a goal of 2,198; 100.0 percent.
- **Quality.** All six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
- **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their fiscal year-to-date attrition goals through December 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.