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

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

- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2017 accession goals through July 2017. Army was short of its FYTD 2017 goal by 495.
    - Army – 51,987 accessions, with a goal of 52,482; 99.1 percent.
    - Navy – 28,270 accessions, with a goal of 28,270; 100.0 percent.
    - Marine Corps – 24,319 accessions, with a goal of 24,319; 100.0 percent.
    - Air Force – 25,817 accessions, with a goal of 25,817; 100.0 percent.
  - **Quality.** The Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force met their quality goals; Army was within 0.8 percent of achieving its quality goal.
  - **Retention.** All four active Services exhibited strong retention numbers in the aggregate for July 2017. The Army experienced improvement in the Initial and Mid-Career zones and are holding steady in the Careerist zone. The Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps are all 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 3,853, 702, and 609, respectively.
    - Army National Guard – 31,754 accessions, with a goal of 35,607; 89.2 percent.
    - Army Reserve – 11,300 accessions, with a goal of 12,002; 94.2 percent.
    - Navy Reserve – 5,609 accessions, with a goal of 5,597; 100.2 percent.
    - Marine Corps Reserve – 7,306 accessions, with a goal of 7,196; 101.5 percent.
    - Air National Guard – 7,166 accessions, with a goal of 7,775; 92.2 percent.
    - Air Force Reserve – 5,931 accessions, with a goal of 5,043; 117.6 percent.
  - **Quality.** The six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** The attrition rates for all six Reserve Components were within acceptable ranges for their fiscal year-to-date attrition ceiling through June 2017. The Navy Reserve's attrition rate is higher than expected but is still on track to meet end strength requirements 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.