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

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

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** All four of the active Services met or exceeded its FY 2016 accession goals through October 2016.
  - Army – 4,417 accessions, with a goal of 4,200; 105.2 percent.
  - Navy – 1,913 accessions, with a goal of 1,913; 100.0 percent.
  - Marine Corps – 2,694 accessions, with a goal of 2,691; 100.1 percent.
  - Air Force – 1,195 accessions, with a goal of 1,195; 100.0 percent.
- **Quality.** All four Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
- **Retention.** The Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force exhibited strong retention numbers, meeting or exceeding 97 percent in each category for the first month of FY 2017.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FY 2017 accession goals. Air National Guard missed their goal by 220, and Army National Guard did not submit data for the first month of FY 2017.
- **Quality.** All six of the Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - Army National Guard – No Data Available.
  - Army Reserve – 2,171 accessions, with a goal of 1,914; 113.4 percent.
  - Navy Reserve – 528 accessions, with a goal of 528; 100.0 percent.
  - Marine Corps Reserve – 806 accessions, with a goal of 803; 100.4 percent.
  - Air National Guard – 480 accessions, with a goal of 700; 68.6 percent.
  - Air Force Reserve – 410 accessions, with a goal of 410; 131.3 percent.
- **Attrition** – All six Reserve Components met their fiscal year attrition goals for 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.