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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2017

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2018 through November 2017.

- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** Three of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2018 accession goals through November 2017. Army was short by 579.
    - Army – 11,121 accessions, with a goal of 11,700; 95.1 percent.
    - Navy – 5,314 accessions, with a goal of 5,292; 100.4 percent.
    - Marine Corps – 5,296 accessions, with a goal of 5,296; 100.0 percent.
    - Air Force – 4,606 accessions, with a goal of 4,606; 100.0 percent.
  - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention in the aggregate for the second month of FY 2018; the Army fell short of its year-to-date goal for the initial category.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD 2018 accession goals through November 2017. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their goals by 1,394, 320, and 388 respectively.
    - Army National Guard – 6,081 accessions, with a goal of 7,475; 81.4 percent.
    - Army Reserve – 2,007 accessions, with a goal of 2,327; 86.2 percent.
    - Navy Reserve – 979 accessions, with a goal of 973; 100.6 percent.
    - Marine Corps Reserve – 1,342 accessions, with a goal of 1,270; 105.7 percent.
    - Air National Guard – 1,137 accessions, with a goal of 1,525; 74.6 percent.
    - Air Force Reserve – 1,064 accessions, with a goal of 1,064; 100.0 percent.
  - **Quality.** Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks. Army Guard was 0.5 percent of the DoD benchmark.
  - **Attrition** – Four of the six Reserve Components experienced higher attrition rates than projected for the first month of FY 2018; however, All remain on track for FY 2018 End Strength projections.

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.