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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 THROUGH OCTOBER 2017**

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

- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** All four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2018 accession goals through October 2017.
    - Army – 5,324 accessions, with a goal of 5,300; 100.5 percent.
    - Navy – 2,168 accessions, with a goal of 2,168; 100.0 percent.
    - Marine Corps – 2,871 accessions, with a goal of 2,871; 100.0 percent.
    - Air Force – 2,219 accessions, with a goal of 2,219; 100.0 percent.
  - **Quality.** The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force met their quality goals; Army, at 58.6 percent, was within 1.4 percent of achieving its quality goal.
  - **Retention.** All four active Services started FY 2018 with strong retention in all categories.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD 2018 accession goals through October 2017. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their goal by 844, 191, and 295 respectively.
    - Army National Guard – 3,272 accessions, with a goal of 4,116; 79.5 percent.
    - Army Reserve – 1,021 accessions, with a goal of 1,212; 84.2 percent.
    - Navy Reserve – 458 accessions, with a goal of 458; 100.0 percent.
    - Marine Corps Reserve – 745 accessions, with a goal of 682; 109.2 percent.
    - Air National Guard – 465 accessions, with a goal of 760; 61.2 percent.
    - Air Force Reserve – 573 accessions, with a goal of 573; 100.0 percent.
  - **Quality.** The six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition** All of the six Reserve Components ended FY17 within authorized end strength variances. (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.