



ANG Exceeds End Strength First Time in Five years: Army Guard Over Its Goal as Well

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For the first time in five years, the Air National Guard has met its end strength goal of 106,700 for this fiscal year, Guard officials announced today.

Lt. Col. Randy Johnson, chief of Air Guard recruiting and retention, attributed the milestone to several factors, including the hard work of recruiters and retainers and the growth of advertising campaigns and recruiting initiatives.

"A half a dozen things come to mind that made this possible," he said. "One reason was the constant leadership focus on recruiting."

The following figures are all of the Reserve component recruiting statistics for Fiscal Year 2008, which ran from Oct. 1, 2007 through Aug. 31, 2008.

Componant	Accessions	Goal	Percent
Army National Guard	61,030	57,096	107
Army Reserve	36,346	34,106	107
Navy Reserve	8,651	8,551	101
Marine Corps Reserve	7,558	7,558	100
Air National Guard	9,191	7,675	120
Air Force Reserve	7,156	7,112	101

DeCA Brings the Commissary to the Reserve & Guard

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is making the benefit more useful to citizen-soldiers and Airmen. DeCA is bringing the commissary to the Guard member. The following are the dates and locations through mid December where the Commissary will be coming directly to the Reserve/Guard.*

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1:** Malmstrom AFB, National Guard; C.E. Kelly SF (Oakdale, PA); Harrison Village, Indianapolis, IN;
- Nov. 1-2:** Camp McCain, MS; Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, Dobbins ARB/Fort Gillem, GA; Lemoore NAS; Jackson ANG, GA; Holloman AFB, NM; McChord AFB, WA;
- Nov. 2:** Fort McCoy, WI;
- Nov. 8-9:** Ft. Drum, 158th FW VTANG & Vermont Guard; Newport NS, RI;

- Nov. 15-16:** Wright-Patterson AFB;
- Nov. 22:** Ft. Hamilton/Mitchel Field

DECEMBER

- Dec. 3-4:** Luke AFB, AZ;
- Dec. 5-7:** Minot AFB, ND; Fort Bragg North, N.C.; Fort Gillem, GA;
- Dec. 7:** Port Hueneme, CA;
- Dec. 12-14:** Shaw AFB, S.C.;
- Dec. 13:** Wright-Patterson AFB; Ohio; Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Luke AFB, AZ.

**All on-site sales are subject to change without notice.*