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Ohio Army National Guard recruits over 2,100 Soldiers

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) ended its fiscal year with 10,400 Soldiers. The self-imposed recruiting goal for this fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, was to enlist 2,100 new Soldiers. Ohio Army National Guard Recruiters and Soldiers in the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (GRAP) enlisted 2,152 Soldiers.

The continual recruiting success for the Ohio Army National Guard leads to a great end strength. End strength—the number of personnel in service—is one of the most critical factors in organizational readiness, that is, the ability of the Ohio National Guard to successfully perform its assigned missions.

"The Ohio National Guard has enjoyed great success in recruiting, having met the 2006 goal in the first six months of that year and meeting the 2007 goals as well," said Lt. Col. Chip Tansill, commander of the recruiting and retention command.

Along with a successful recruiting year, the Ohio Army National Guard has held the top spot in all 54 states and territories for the last six months sending recruits to basic training and those Soldiers coming back to their units qualified. Part of this success is due to the training program called the Recruit Sustainment Program, initiated by the Ohio Army National Guard in the fall of 2005. This program helps integrate recruits into their new roles as Soldiers and prepares them for Army basic combat training, now known as initial entry training (IET).

"I cannot express the level of admiration and gratitude I feel toward the men and women of the Recruiting Command," said Matthew L. Kambic, assistant adjutant general for Army.

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"Month after month, every recruiter, team leader, retention NCO, staff member, has contributed in their own way to make this a successful year for Ohio."

"Our recruiters are working non-stop to meet and exceed the goals of the organization month after month, and year after year," said Tansill. "I am extremely proud of them and their hard work."

Another contributing factor in the recruiting success of the Ohio National Guard is the Guard Recruiting Assistant Program (G-RAP). The program allows any traditional member of the guard to voluntarily become a recruiter. As of July this year, the Ohio Army National Guard ranks No. 2 in active G-RAP participants with over 5,500. The incentive falls in the hands of the G-RAP Soldier who can earn \$2,000 when the new recruit enlists in the guard, ships and graduates from basic training

"This program has been great for our Soldiers and they have responded by enlisting 1,500 new recruits since Dec. 2005, which amounts to \$3 million dollars in their pockets," said Kambic. "But even with all of these great successes, our recruiters will continue to push for additional enlistments to help shape the quality of our force in the future."

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