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MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR MANPOWER  
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR  
MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Request to Expand the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest Pilot Program to the Reserve Components.

This memorandum responds to the Army's request to expand the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) Pilot Program to include the Reserve Components. We understand the circumstances that necessitate this request and agree to expand MAVNI to the Reserve Components.

The application of the limited authority under title 10, U.S.C., section 504(b)(2) is contingent upon a case-by-case determination that each such enlistment is vital to the national interest. The Army Reserve Components are authorized to access up to 100 recruits (total) with specific critical language skills as outlined under the MAVNI authority beginning immediately through the expiration of the program in September 2014. The addition of 100 Army Reserve Component Accessions requires the adjustment of the Services' program limits in fiscal year 2014: Army - 1,300; Navy - 65; Marine Corps - 65; and Air Force - 70.

The Services shall establish procedures to monitor and track all individuals who enter Service under the MAVNI authority and identify a point of contact responsible for this action. Those procedures should include a means of notifying United States Citizenship and Immigration Services when individuals become classified as "unsatisfactory participants" and are administratively separated from the military. Failure to fulfill the contract to serve could be cause for citizenship revocation by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. An annual report of all MAVNI cohorts serving should be sent to this office at the end of each fiscal year through 2020.

My staff will continue to work with your staff on this important program. Ms. Gail Lovisone in Accession Policy is my contact on this issue and can be reached at (703) 695-5525 or [gail.r.lovisone.civ@mail.mil](mailto:gail.r.lovisone.civ@mail.mil)

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