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ARMY ENLISTMENT PROGRAM FOR AIRMEN AND SEAMEN

FT. SNELLING, MN - A new Army recruiting program, Operation Blue to Green, approved in July, allows Sailors and Airmen affected by force shaping within their services, to remain in the military. Operation Blue to Green enlistees will leave their service one day and join the Army the next day, bringing with them their job skills and, in most cases, retaining their rank without a break in service time.

"Recruiting quality people and retaining exceptional Soldiers is essential in having a well-balanced force," said Lt. Col. Daniel Hirsch, new Army recruiting commander of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. "The pool of talent Operation Blue to Green provides will greatly enhance our efforts to sustain a campaign-capable joint and expeditionary Army."

"Airmen and Sailors will depart for the Warrior Transition Course (WTC) at Fort Knox, Ky., the day after their Air Force or Navy enlistment expires," explains Hirsch.

"The WTC is a four-week course in basic combat skills training, taught by instructors, not drill sergeants. The course includes Air Force/Navy to Army orientation to include organization, rank, uniform wear, career progression, Army values, physical fitness and other Army specific basic combat skills training.

"Operation Blue to Green is a great program for everyone involved," says Hirsch. "It helps us bring quality, already trained, individuals into our Army. Best of all, it allows our fellow service members, who have been affected by force shaping, the opportunity to continue serving our country in uniform."

To find out more about Operation Blue to Green, visit www.goarmy.com/btg.