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# **Blended Retirement**

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# Partnership With DoD

- Opt-In Video
- FRTIB OSD Meeting



# Blended Comparison Calculator

The screenshot shows the 'Military Compensation' website with the 'Blended Retirement System COMPARISON CALCULATOR' selected. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT, BLENDED RETIREMENT, PAY, CALCULATORS, BENEFITS, and REFERENCES. The calculator interface features a progress bar with seven steps: INTRODUCTION, PERSONAL INFORMATION, RETIREMENT INFORMATION, CAREER PROGRESSION, BONUSES & PAYMENTS, LUMP SUM, and RESULTS. The 'About the Comparison Calculator' section provides a welcome message and instructions. Below this, there are radio buttons for 'Active Component' (selected) and 'Reserve Component', and a dropdown menu for 'My last separation (or retirement) from the Uniformed Services will be in the' set to 'Active Component'. A 'GET STARTED' button is prominently displayed. A 'More Info' section contains links to learn more about opt-in eligibility and calculator assumptions. A disclaimer at the bottom states that the calculator is for informational purposes only. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 3:26 PM on 7/6/2017.

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About the Comparison Calculator

Welcome to the Department of Defense Blended Retirement System Comparison Calculator. This calculator is designed to assist eligible service members in comparing the legacy military retirement system (commonly referred to as the High-3 System) and the Blended Retirement System (BRS). It is intended to be used in conjunction with the mandatory BRS Opt-In Course. The Opt-In Course should be taken prior to using this calculator. Taking the course will assist you in understanding and using this calculator. It is recommended you collect a few items before using the calculator, so that you have all of the information needed to get started. You should have your Pay Entry Base Date (also known as Pay Date or Pay Entry Basic Date), which can be found on your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). For National Guard and Reserve members, you should have your current number of retirement points, know how many of those points were obtained while on active duty and the number of qualifying years you've earned to date.

I am in the ☒ Active Component ☐ Reserve Component

My last separation (or retirement) from the Uniformed Services will be in the Active Component

GET STARTED ▶

**More Info**

[Learn more about opt-in eligible for the Blended Retirement System](#)  
[Learn more about assumptions, defaults and limitations of this calculator](#)

DISCLAIMER: This calculator is provided for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be used as an investment advisory tool or as a guarantee of the duration of the elected monthly payment amount.

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# Accomplishments

## Agency Money

- Functionality Includes:
  - Accept payroll submission service automatic and service matching contributions
  - 9 Application Updates
- Testing Completed - 7/14
- Deployment into production - 8/12

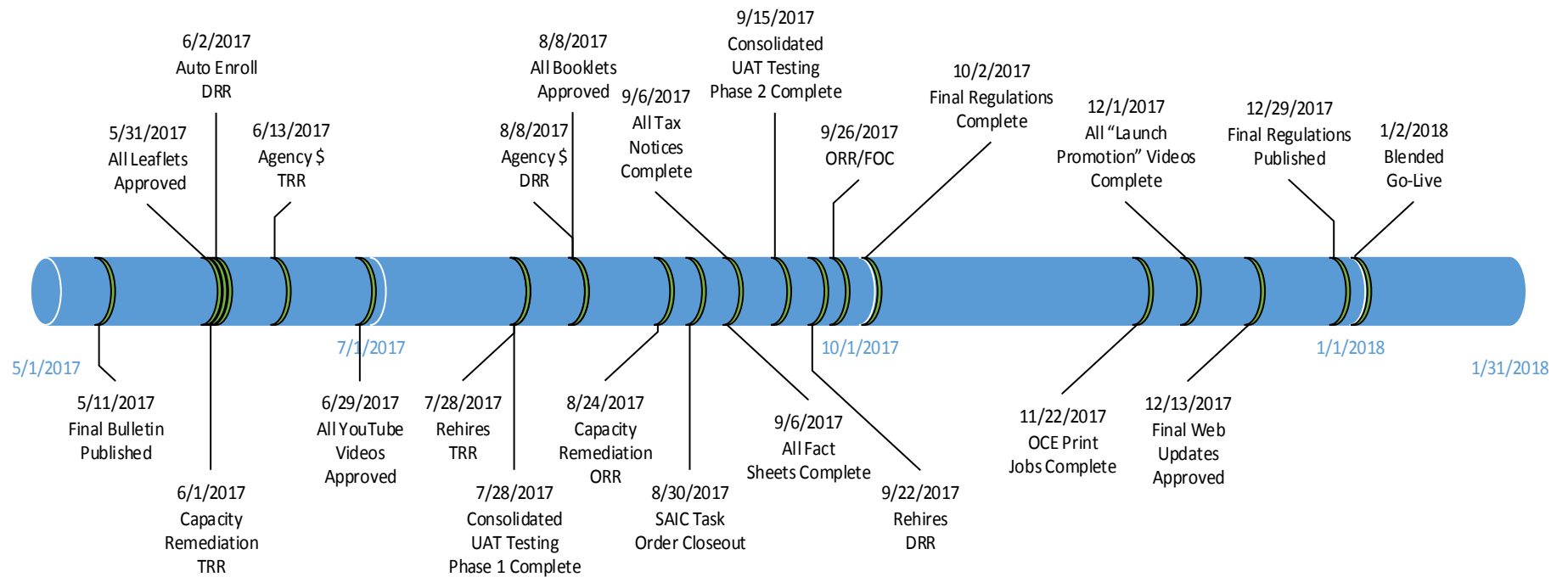
## Capacity

- Remediation Changes Deployed into Production – 07/15
- Capacity testing after remediation scheduled for July-August 2017

## Agency/Payroll Testing

- Testing with the Payroll offices scheduled for 7/17 – 7/28
- Second testing with the Payroll Offices is scheduled for 9/1 – 9/15

# Schedule

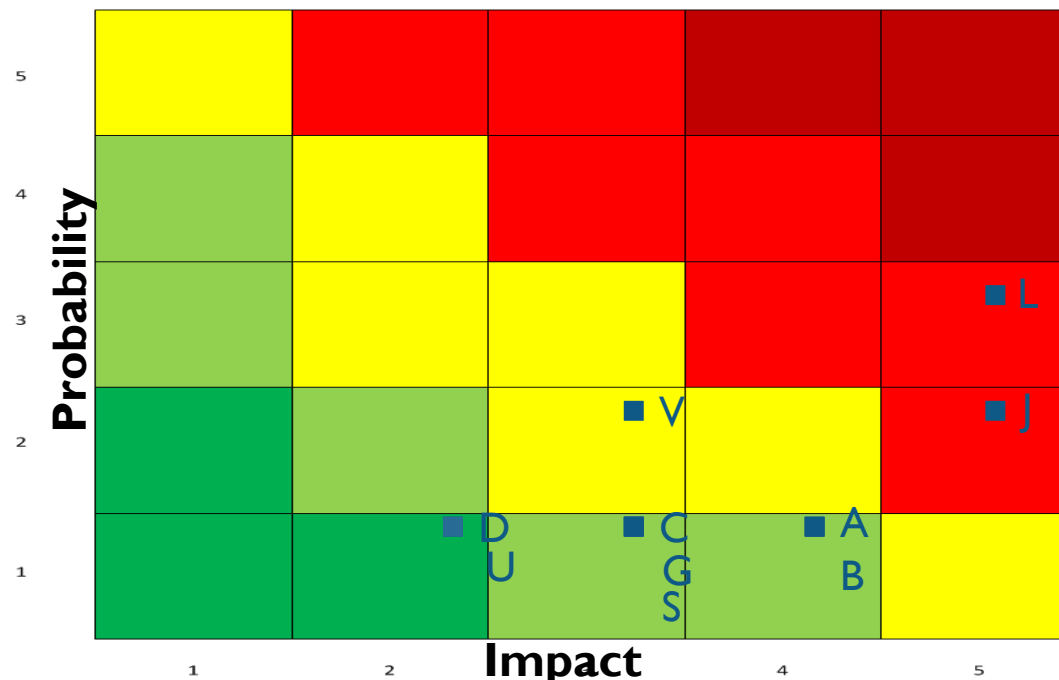


TRR – Test Readiness Review  
 DRR – Development Readiness Review  
 ORR – Operational Readiness Review



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# Critical Risks



Risk #	Risk Description	Mitigation Strategy
J	If Payroll offices are not ready to go live on 01/01/2018, then a forced delay to implementation will be realized	External Risk; Track each Payroll Office Separately. Maintain communication with DFAS and DOD. UAT with the payroll offices begins in July 2017.
L	If Thriftline is not upgraded to process higher volumes, then participant services will be impacted	A solution is in place at the Frostburg call center to increase volume by an estimated 30%. This same change was completed at Clintwood on July 14th. A fix to eliminate the hairpin turn issue which will allow us to handle BRS volumes will be in place for BRS



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