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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 2019**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the eleventh month of fiscal year (FY) 2019 [August 2019].

- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for this period. Two of the four Regular Components met or exceeded their accession goals through the eleventh month of the fiscal year, August 2019.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 59,040; Attained 58,060 (98.34 percent/-980).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 35,792; Attained 35,783 (99.97 percent/-9).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 28,467; Attained 28,528 (100.21 percent/+61).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 30,049 Attained 30,153 (100.35 percent/+104).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services are exhibiting strong retention through the eleventh month of FY 2019.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The Service FYTD data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly gains for this period. Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded their accession goals through the eleventh month of the fiscal year, August 2019.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 35,834; Attained 35,953 (100.33 percent/+119).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 14,110; Attained 13,848 (98.14 percent/-262).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 7,823; Attained 6,787 (86.76 percent/-1,036).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 8,137; Attained 8,390 (103.11 percent/+253).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 8,415 Attained 9,110 (108.26 percent/+695).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 5,392; Attained 6,780 (125.74 percent/+1,388).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components except Army NG met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks. Army NG failed to meet the DoD benchmark for AFQT Cat IVs. Army NG plans to be within the DoD benchmark by the close of the FY.
  - **Attrition.** The Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Air National Guard experienced higher than projected attrition rates for July (lags one month).

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.