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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2018

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the third month of fiscal year (FY) 2019 [December 31, 2018].

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for this period.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 11,820; Attained 7,794 (65.94 percent/-4,026).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 9,211; Attained 9,232 (100.23 percent/+21).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 7,071; Attained 7,084 (100.18 percent/+13).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 6,928; Attained 6,919 (99.87 percent/-9).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services are exhibiting strong retention through the third 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. Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded their accession goals through the third month of the fiscal year, December 2018.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 11,217; Attained 10,036 (87.47 percent/-1,181).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 3,499; Attained 3,374 (96.43 percent/-125).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 1,684; Attained 1,601 (95.07 percent/-83).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 1,921; Attained 2,214 (115.25 percent/+293).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 2,090; Attained 2,154 (103.06 percent/+64).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 1,673; Attained 1,673 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components except Army NG met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks. Army NG exceeded the DoD benchmark for AFQT Cat IVs FYTD due to the fill of hard to fill training seats during the first and second quarters of the FY. Army NG plans to be within the DoD benchmark by the close of the FY.
 - **Attrition.** The Army National Guard, Navy Reserve, and the Air National Guard experienced higher than projected attrition rates for the third month of FY 2019.

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.