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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the eleventh month of fiscal year 2020 [August 31, 2020].

- **Pandemic's Impact.**
 - Data through August 2020 shows the results of the Services' continuing efforts to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on enlisted recruiting enterprise. Adjustments have been made and foremost is the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure the force is manned while maintaining the right balance of protecting our people and protecting America.
- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for fiscal year 2020, through August 2020.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 56,104; Attained 56,151 (100.08 percent/+47).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 35,123; Attained 35,038 (99.76 percent/-85).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 25,844; Attained 25,854; (100.04 percent/+10).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 24,064; Attained 24,087 (100.10 percent/+23).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services are on glide path to achieve FY2020 retention targets.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the ninth month of fiscal year 2020, August 2020.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 39,603; Attained 35,747 (90.26 percent/-3,856).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 14,343; Attained 12,416 (86.56 percent/-1,927).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 5,345; Attained 5,141 (96.18 percent/-204).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 5,233; Attained 5,736 (109.61 percent/+503).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 8,990; Attained 8,310 (92.44.percent/-680).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 5,570; Attained 5,570 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** The Reserve Components year-to-date attrition percentages were at or above planned target levels for July FY2020. Five of the six Reserve Components project to meet annual attrition targets in FY2020 (data lags by 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.