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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 third month of fiscal year (FY) 2020 [December 31, 2019].

• Active Component.

- **Recruiting.** The fiscal year data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the third month of FY 2020, December 2019.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 8,440; Attained 8,967 (106.24 percent/+527).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 9,186; Attained 9,006 (98.04 percent/-180).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 6,926; Attained 6,950 (100.35 percent/+24).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 7,246; Attained 7,246 (100.00 percent/+0).
- **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
- **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention through the third month of FY 2020.
- Reserve Component.
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the third month of FY 2020, December 2019.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 11,383; Attained 10,799 (94.87 percent/-584).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 3,574; Attained 4,185 (117.10 percent/+611).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 1,347; Attained 1,438 (106.76 percent/+91).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 1,900; Attained 2,259 (118.89 percent/+359).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 2,305; Attained 2,257 (97.92 percent/-48).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 1,827; Attained 1,827 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components except Army Reserve met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks. Army Reserve plans to be within DoD benchmarks by the close of the FY.
 - Attrition. The Reserve Components year-to-date attrition percentages were at or slightly above planned target levels for November FY2020. The Reserves 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.