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 ninth month of fiscal year 2020 [June 30, 2020].

- Pandemic’s Impact.
  - Data through June 2020 shows the results of the Services’ continuing efforts to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on enlisted recruiting enterprise. The Department and the Services continue to make adjustments in response to the rapidly changing recruiting environment. Foremost, in making these adjustments is the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure we man the force 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 June 2020.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 36,464; Attained 36,212 (99.31 percent/-252).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 25,061; Attained 24,993 (99.73 percent/-68).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 19,067; Attained 19,074; (100.00 percent/+7).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 21,506; Attained 19,676 (91.49 percent/-1,830).
  - 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, June 2020.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 33,218; Attained 30,141 (90.74 percent/-3077).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 11,621; Attained 10,011 (86.15 percent/-1,610).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 4,218; Attained 4,257 (100.92 percent/+49).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 4,750; Attained 5,454 (114.82 percent/+704).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 7,506; Attained 6,564 (87.45 percent/-942).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,760; Attained 4,760 (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 slightly above planned target levels for May FY2020. The 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.