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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the tenth month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [July 31, 2021].

- **Pandemic's Impact.**
 - The Services' continuing efforts throughout the accession enterprise helped to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the enlisted recruiting enterprise.
 - Appropriate adjustments have been made to ensure the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure the force is safely manned while meeting the mission needs of the National Defense Strategy.
- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and accessions/gains through the tenth month of FY2021, July 2021.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 44,799; Attained 45,045, (100.55 percent/+246).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 28,022; Attained 28,308, (101.02 percent/+286).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 23,769; Attained 23,806; (100.16 percent/+37).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 21,498; Attained 21,511 (100.06 percent/+13).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the tenth month of the fiscal year and are on glide path to achieve FY2021 retention targets.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the tenth month of FY2021, July 2021.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 36,711; Attained 30,132 (82.08 percent/-6,579).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 12,955; Attained 9,391 (72.49 percent/-3,564).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 5,053; Attained 4,277 (84.64 percent/-776).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 7,635; Attained 8,252 (108.08. percent/+617).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 8,515; Attained 6,387 (75.01 percent/-2,128).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 6,096; Attained 6,153 (100.94 percent/+57).
 - **Quality.** The Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks, with the exception of the Army National Guard.
 - **Attrition.** All of the reserve components (with the exception of the USMCR) were at or below their FY2021 year-to-date attrition targets.

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.