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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 third month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [December 31, 2020].

- **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 and foremost is 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 third month of fiscal year 2021, December 2020.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 9,585; Attained 10,399, (108.49 percent/+814).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 7,757; Attained 7,728, (99.63 percent/-29).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 6,388; Attained 6,390; (100.03 percent/+2).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 6,282; Attained 6,284 (100.03 percent/+2).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the third month of the fiscal year and are on glide path to achieve FY 2021 retention targets.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the third month of fiscal year 2021, December 2020.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 11,694; Attained 9,743 (83.32 percent/-1,951).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 3,738; Attained 3,004 (80.36 percent/-734).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 1,073; Attained 1,030 (95.99 percent/-43).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 2,295; Attained 2,617 (114.03. percent/+322).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 2,377; Attained 1,528 (64.28 percent/-849).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 1,736; Attained 1,867(107.55 percent/+131).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** Five of the six reserve components were at or below their FY21 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.