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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 fourth month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [January 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 fourth month of FY2021, January 2021.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 16,041; Attained 17,010, (106.04 percent/+969).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 10,965; Attained 10,965, (100.00 percent/0).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 9,598; Attained 9,605; (100.07 percent/+7).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 8,729; Attained 8,733 (100.05 percent/+4).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the fourth 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 third month of FY2021, December 2020.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 15,703; Attained 12,615 (80.33 percent/3,088).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 4,853; Attained 3,724 (76.74 percent/-1,129).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 1,673; Attained 1,573 (94.02 percent/-100).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,042; Attained 3,400 (111.77. percent/+358).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 3,210; Attained 2,184 (68.04 percent/-1,026).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,388; Attained 2,443 (102.30 percent/+55).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** Five of the six reserve components 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.