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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 fifth month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [February 28, 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 fifth month of FY2021, February 2021.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 21,865; Attained 21,619, (98.87 percent/-246).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 13,749; Attained 13,459, (97.89 percent/-290).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 11,627; Attained 11,640; (100.11 percent/+13).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 11,218; Attained 11,206 (99.89 percent/-12).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the fifth 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 fifth month of FY2021, February 2021.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 19,758; Attained 15,543 (78.67 percent/-4,215).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 6,125; Attained 4,562 (74.48 percent/-1,563).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 2,225; Attained 2,007 (90.20 percent/-218).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,669; Attained 4,059 (110.63. percent/+390).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 4,028; Attained 2,810 (69.76 percent/-1,218).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,994; Attained 2,963 (98.96 percent/-31).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** All of the 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.