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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 sixth month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [March 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 sixth month of FY2021, March 2021.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 27,412; Attained 24,851, (90.66 percent/-2,561).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 17,003; Attained 16,279, (95.74 percent/-724).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 14,072; Attained 14,088; (100.11 percent/+16).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 13,932; Attained 13,933 (100.01 percent/+1).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the sixth 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 sixth month of FY2021, March 2021.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 23,856; Attained 19,215 (80.55 percent/-4,641).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 7,633; Attained 5,804 (76.04 percent/-1,829).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 2,857; Attained 2,476 (86.66 percent/-381).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 4,296; Attained 4,721 (109.89. percent/+425).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 4,992; Attained 3,566 (71.43 percent/-1,426).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 3,682; Attained 3,630 (98.59 percent/-52).
  - **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 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.