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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 seventh month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [April 30, 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 seventh month of FY2021, April 2021.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 32,083; Attained 28,042, (87.40 percent/-4,041).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 18,433; Attained 18,283, (99.19 percent/-150).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 16,366; Attained 16,388; (100.13 percent/+22).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 15,964; Attained 15,900 (99.60 percent/-64).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the seventh 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 seventh month of FY2021, April 2021.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 27,445; Attained 22,359 (81.47 percent/-5,086).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 8,905; Attained 6,691 (75.14percent/-2,214).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,320; Attained 2,823 (85.03 percent/-497).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 4,927; Attained 5,392 (109.44. percent/+465).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 5,812; Attained 4,252 (73.16 percent/-1,560).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,307; Attained 4,216 (97.89 percent/-91).
  - **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.