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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 ninth month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [June 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 ninth month of FY2021, June 2021.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 38,029; Attained 38,001, (99.93 percent/-28).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 24,545; Attained 24,827, (101.15 percent/+282).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 22,001; Attained 22,032; (100.14 percent/+31).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 19,958; Attained 19,969 (100.06 percent/+11).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the ninth 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 ninth month of FY2021, June 2021.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 35,585; Attained 27,774 (82.70 percent/-5,811).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 11,684; Attained 8,563 (73.29 percent/-3,121).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 4,446; Attained 3,734 (83.99 percent/-712).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 6,638; Attained 7,201 (108.48. percent/+563).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 7,668; Attained 5,709 (74.45 percent/-1,959).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 5,560; Attained 5,462 (98.24 percent/-98).
  - **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 (with the exception of the USMCR) 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.