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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION  
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 THRU FEBRUARY 2022**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components thru the fifth month of the fiscal year (FY) February 28, 2022.

- **Pandemic's Impact.**  
Overall, recruiting productivity continues to be negatively impacted by a difficult recruiting market exacerbated by the residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, to include limited access to high school students in the third COVID academic year.
- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through the fifth month of FY2022.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 17,284; Attained 13,885; (80.33 percent/-3,399).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 12,928; Attained 13,201; (102.11 percent/+273).
    - Marine Corps Accession: Goal 10,368; Attained 10,388; (100.19 percent/+20).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 10,222; Attained 10,223; (100.01 percent/+1).
    - Space Force Accessions: Goal 225; Attained 225; (100.00 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** With the exception of the Army, all Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the fifth month of FY2022. Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps exceed their retention targets. Navy came in slightly below its targets.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative goals and accessions/gains thru the fifth month of FY2022.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 17,078; Attained 11,192 (65.53 percent/-5,886).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 5,967 Attained 3,989 (66.85 percent/-1,978).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 2,814; Attained 2,052 (72.92 percent/-762).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 2,856; Attained 3,209 (112.36 percent/+353).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 3,001; Attained 2,193 (73.08 percent/-808).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,729; Attained 2,163 (79.26 percent/-566).
  - **Quality.** The Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** All reserve components were within their FY2022 attrition target for the month of January (FY2022).

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.