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

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components thru the sixth month of the fiscal year (FY) March 31, 2022.

- **Recruiting Market.**
Overall, it is clear the broader recruiting market continues to deteriorate and recruiting shortfalls can no longer be solely attributed to COVID-19. While the residual effects of the pandemic, including limited access to high school students may be a factor, the difficult recruiting environment is now a much broader issue, including a generally disconnected and disinterested youth market.
- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through the sixth month of FY2022.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 21,984; Attained 15,847; (72.08 percent/-6,137).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 15,693; Attained 15,252; (97.19 percent/-441).
 - Marine Corps Accession: Goal 11,719; Attained 11,735 (100.14 percent/+16).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 12,795; Attained 12,799; (100.03 percent/+4).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 270; Attained 270; (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 sixth 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 sixth month of FY2022.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 20,818; Attained 13,694 (65.78 percent/-7,124).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 7,254 Attained 4,740 (65.34 percent/-2,514).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,533; Attained 2,501 (70.79 percent/-1,032).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,343; Attained 3,761 (112.50 percent/+418).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 3,772; Attained 2,667 (70.71 percent/-1,105).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 3,359; Attained 2,594 (77.23 percent/-765).
 - **Quality.** The Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.

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.