

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION  
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 THROUGH APRIL 2018**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for the first seven months of fiscal year (FY) 2018 [October 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018].

- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for this period.
    - Army Accessions: FYTD Goal 35,200; Attained 31,862 (90.52 percent/-3,338).
    - Navy Accessions: FYTD Goal 20,804; Attained 21,016 (101.02 percent/+212).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: FYTD Goal 15,433; Attained 15,456 (100.15 percent/+23).
    - Air Force Accessions: FYTD Goal 16,724; Attained 16,724 (100.00 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
  - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention for the sixth month (April) of FY 2018.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The Service FYTD data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly gains for this period. Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded their FYTD 2018 accession goals through April 30, 2018.
    - Army NG Gains: FYTD Goal 26,874; Attained 21,435 (79.76 percent/-5,439).
    - Army Reserve Gains: FYTD Goal 9,064; Attained 7,244 (79.92 percent/-1,820).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: FYTD Goal 3,561; Attained 3,579 (100.51 percent/+18).
    - Marine Corps Reserve FYTD Gains: Goal 4,172; 4,355 (104.39/+183).
    - Air NG Gains: FYTD Goal 5,844; Attained 5,029 (86.05 percent/-815).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: FYTD Goal 4,070; Attained 4,070 (100.0 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** Army National Guard, Army Reserves, and Navy Reserves all experienced higher attrition rates than projected for the sixth month (March) of FY 2018 and expect to end the FY below FY 2018 end strength authorizations.

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.