

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through ten months of fiscal year (FY) 2018 [October 1, 2017 through August 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 67,300; Attained 61,066 (90.74 percent/-6,234).
 - Navy Accessions: FYTD Goal 35,424; Attained 35,795 (101.05 percent/+371).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: FYTD Goal 27,415; Attained 27,479 (100.23 percent/+64).
 - Air Force Accessions: FYTD Goal 27,657; Attained 27,657 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention for the eleventh month (August) 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 July 31, 2018.
 - Army NG Gains: FYTD Goal 40,729; Attained 31,937 (78.41 percent/-8,792).
 - Army Reserve Gains: FYTD Goal 14,119; Attained 10,352 (73.32 percent/-3,767).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: FYTD Goal 6,404; Attained 6,422 (100.28 percent/+18).
 - Marine Corps Reserve FYTD Gains: Goal 7,607; 7,869 (103.44/+262).
 - Air NG Gains: FYTD Goal 9,403; Attained 8,692 (92.44 percent/-711).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: FYTD Goal 5,227; Attained 6,539 (125.10 percent/+1,312).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** Army National Guard, Army Reserves, and Navy Reserves experienced higher attrition rates than projected for the tenth month (July) of FY 2018 and may finish the FY below FY 2018 end strength authorizations. These data lag one month.

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.