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

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2018 through February 2018.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Two of the four active Services met or exceeded their fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2018 accession goals through February 2018. Army was short by 2,790 and Marine Corps was short by 5.
 - Army – 23,310 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 26,100; 89.31 percent.
 - Navy – 15,089 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 14,948; 100.94 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 11,731 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 11,736; 99.96 percent.
 - Air Force – 12,345 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 12,345; 100.00 percent.
 - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention for the fifth month of FY18 (February).
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded their FYTD 2018 accession goals through February 2018. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their goals by 3,430; 1,135; and 638 respectively.
 - Army National Guard – 14,959 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 18,389; 81.35 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 5,007 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 6,142; 81.52 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 2,573 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 2,555; 100.70 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 3,213 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 3,096; 103.78 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 3,409 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 4,047; 84.24 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 2,815 accessions, with a FYTD goal of 2,815; 100.0 percent.
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition** – Two of the six Reserve Components experienced higher attrition rates than projected for the fourth month (January) of FY18; however, all remain on track for FY18 End-Strength projections.

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.