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

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

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains from 1 October 2017 through 31 March 2018.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 31,430; Attained 27,191 (86.51 percent/-4,239).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 18,017; Attained 18,186 (100.94 percent/+169).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 13,652; Attained 13,655 (100.02 percent/+3).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 14,605; Attained 14,605 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention for the sixth month of FY18 (March).
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service FYTD data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly gains from 1 October 2017 through 31 March 2018. Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD 2018 accession goals through March 2017.
 - Army National Guard Gains: Goal 22,776; Attained 18,409 accessions (80.83 percent/-4,367).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 7,379; Attained 5,982 (81.07 percent/-1,397).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,038; Attained 3,056 (100.59 percent, +18).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,641; Attained 3,781 (103.85/+140).
 - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 4,981; Attained 4,328 (86.89 percent/-653).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 3,442; Attained 3,442 (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 fifth month of FY18 and expect to be below FY18 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.