

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH OCTOBER 2018

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the first month of fiscal year (FY) 2019 [October 1, 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: Goal 5,546; Attained 4,228 (76.24 percent/-1,318).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 2,873; Attained 2,886 (100.45 percent/+13).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 2,906; Attained 2,907 (100.03 percent/+1).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 1,873; Attained 1,910 (101.98 percent/+37).
 - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services are exhibiting strong retention at the start of FY2019.
- **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 accession goals for the first month of the fiscal year, October 2018.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 4,069; Attained 3,449 (84.76 percent/-620).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 1,203; Attained 955 (79.38 percent/-248).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 640; Attained 603 (94.22 percent/-37).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 727; Attained 903 (124.21/+ 176).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 680; Attained 709 (104.26 percent/+29).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 433; Attained 433 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** The Army National Guard and Army Reserves experienced lower attrition rates than projected while the Navy Reserves experienced higher than projected attrition rates for the twelfth month (September) of fiscal year (FY) 2018. The Army National Guard, Army Reserves, Marine Corps Reserves, Air Force Reserves, and Navy Reserves finished the FY below 2018 end strength authorizations. This data lags by 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.