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

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

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Two of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2018 accession goals through January 2018. Army was short by 1,335 and Marine Corps was short by 6.
 - Army – 18,865 accessions, with a goal of 20,200; 93.39 percent.
 - Navy – 11,664 accessions, with a goal of 11,579; 100.73 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 9,880 accessions, with a goal of 9,886; 99.94 percent.
 - Air Force – 9,869 accessions, with a goal of 9,869; 100.00 percent.
 - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention for the fourth month of FY18 (January).
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD 2018 accession goals through December 2017. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their goals by 2,734, 887, and 537 respectively.
 - Army National Guard – 12,095 accessions, with a goal of 14,829; 81.56 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 4,017 accessions, with a goal of 4,904; 81.91 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 2,067 accessions, with a goal of 2,049; 100.88 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 2,666 accessions, with a goal of 2,563; 104.02 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 2,656 accessions, with a goal of 3,193; 83.18 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 2,282 accessions, with a goal of 2,282; 100.0 percent.
 - **Quality.** Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition** – Two of the six Reserve Components experienced higher attrition rates than projected for the third month (December) 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.