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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 -- THRU APRIL 2023**

Today, The Department of Defense (DoD) announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through end-of-month (EOM) April of fiscal year (FY)23.

Recruiting Market. The recruiting environment remains extremely challenging for all Military Services through end-of-month April FY23. Each Service continues to work independently and collaboratively to develop strategies to inspire service and communicate opportunities and benefits available through military service.

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through end of month April for FY23.
 - Army Accessions: Goal: 32,347; Attained 21,917 (67.76 percent/-10,430).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 20,584; Attained 12,530 (60.87 percent/-8,054).
 - Marine Corps Accession: Goal 10,338; Attained 10,338 (100.00 percent/+0).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 15,810; Attained 13,182 (83.38 percent/-2,628).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 264; Attained 267 (101.14 percent/+3).
- **Quality.** Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force have met DoD quality benchmarks through end of April of FY23.
- **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the seventh month of FY2023 as they exceeded their mission year-to-date (YTD) goals.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through end of month April for FY23.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 19,064; Attained 18,148 (95.20 percent/-916).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 8,461; Attained 5,007 (59.18 percent/-3,454).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 4,818; Attained 3,125 (64.86 percent/-1,693).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,527; Attained 4,265 (120.92 percent/+738).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 6,397; Attained 3,764 (58.84 percent/-2,633).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,484; Attained 2,873 (64.07 percent/-1,611).
- **Quality.** Of the Reserve Components, only Marine Corps Reserve and Air National Guard met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks through April 2023.

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.