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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION
NUMBERS FISCAL YEAR 2024 – THRU AUGUST 2024**

Today, the Department of Defense (DoD) announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through end of month August 2024.

Despite facing significant recruitment challenges, the Military Services have shown improvement in working towards their FY24 recruiting goals. With only one month remaining in the fiscal year, all active components, except for the Navy, have achieved their Fiscal-year-to-date (FYTD) missions. The Navy fell short by 6,069. Among the Reserve Components, the Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve achieved their FYTD recruiting mission through August 2024.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through end of month August.
 - Army Accessions: Goal: 46,400; Attained 49,307 (106.27 percent/+2,907).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 36,382; Attained 30,313 (83.32 percent/-6,069).
 - Marine Corps Accession: Goal 23,484; Attained 23,861 (101.61 percent/+377)
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 25,200; Attained 25,349 (100.59 percent/+149).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 691; Attained 716 (103.62 percent/+25).
 - **Quality.** Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force were the only Active components to meet or exceed both DoD quality benchmarks through end of month August 2024.
 - **Retention.** All Services showed strong retention in the eleventh month of the fiscal year and achieved 100% of their monthly target towards year-to-date retention goals.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through end of month August.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 31,570 ; Attained 32,989 (104.49 percent/+1,419).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 13,449; Attained 9,949 (73.98 percent/-3,500).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 6,846; Attained 6,435 (94.00 percent/-411).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 5,458; Attained 6,473 (118.60 percent/+1,015).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 7,582; Attained 7,842 (103.43 percent/+260).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 5,276; Attained 5,535 (104.91 percent/+259).
 - **Quality.** Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve were the only Reserve Components to meet or exceed the DoD quality benchmarks through end of month August 2024.

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.