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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the fourth month of fiscal year (FY) 2019 [February 28, 2019].

- **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 20,455; Attained 19,932 (97.44 percent/-523).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 15,614; Attained 15,682 (100.44 percent/+68).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 11,817; Attained 11,840 (100.19 percent/+23).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 13,239; Attained 13,356 (100.88 percent/+117).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services are exhibiting strong retention through the fifth month of FY 2019.
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The Service FYTD data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly gains for this period. Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded their accession goals through the fifth month of the fiscal year, February 2019.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 16,546; Attained 16,904 (102.16 percent/+358).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 6,105; Attained 6,264 (102.60 percent/+159).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,227; Attained 2,979 (92.31 percent/-248).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,209; Attained 3,578 (111.50 percent/+369).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 3,621; Attained 3,771 (104.14 percent/+150).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,937; Attained 2,937 (100.00 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** The Army NG, Navy Reserve, and the Marine Corps experienced higher than projected attrition rates for January (lags 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.