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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 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 [January 31, 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 14,550; Attained 14,689 (100.96 percent/+139).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 12,932; Attained 12,983 (100.39 percent/+51).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 9,919; Attained 9,934 (100.15 percent/+15).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 10,443; Attained 10,527 (100.80 percent/+84).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met their quality goals.
  - **Retention.** All Services are exhibiting strong retention through the fourth 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. Four of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded their accession goals through the fourth month of the fiscal year, January 2019.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 13,349; Attained 13,451 (100.76 percent/+102).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 4,882; Attained 4,796 (98.24 percent/-86).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 2,464; Attained 2,246 (91.15 percent/-218).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 2,599; Attained 2,937 (113.01 percent/+338).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 2,857; Attained 2,945 (103.08 percent/+88).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,366; Attained 2,366 (100.00 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components except Army NG met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks. Army NG exceeded the DoD benchmark for AFQT Cat IVs FYTD due to the fill of hard to fill training seats during the first and second quarters of the FY. Army NG plans to be within the DoD benchmark by the close of the FY.
  - **Attrition.** The Army NG, Navy Reserve, and the Air National Guard experienced higher than projected attrition rates for the third month of FY 2019 (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.