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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH MARCH 2019**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the sixth month of fiscal year (FY) 2019 [March 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. Three of the four Regular Components met or exceeded their accession goals through the sixth month of the fiscal year, March 2019.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 26,210; Attained 24,858 (94.84 percent/-1,352).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 17,625; Attained 17,784 (100.90 percent/+159).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 14,003; Attained 14,035 (100.23 percent/+32).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 15,557; Attained 15,681 (100.80 percent/+124).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services are exhibiting strong retention through the sixth 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 sixth month of the fiscal year, March 2019.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 20,340; Attained 20,576 (101.16 percent/+236).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 7,328; Attained 7,700 (105.08 percent/+372).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,950; Attained 3,621 (91.67 percent/-329).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,823; Attained 4,226 (110.54 percent/+403).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 4,457; Attained 4,660 (104.55 percent/+203).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 3,637; Attained 2,937 (100.00 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** The Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Navy Reserve experienced higher than projected attrition rates for February (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.