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

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2019.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The fiscal year data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for FY 2019. All four of the Regular Components exceeded their FY 2019 accession goals.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 68,000; Attained 68,185 (100.27 percent/+185).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 39,000; Attained 39,027 (100.07 percent/+27).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 31,767; Attained 31,777 (100.03 percent/+10).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 32,300; Attained 32,421 (100.37 percent/+121).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention through the end of FY 2019. The Marine Corps missed its FY 2019 retention goal by 1.5 percent.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service FY 2019 data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for FY 2019. Four of the six Reserve Components exceeded their FY 2019 accession goals.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 39,000; Attained 39,063 (100.16 percent/+63).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 15,600; Attained 15,304 (98.10 percent/-296).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 8,162; Attained 7,410 (90.79 percent/-752).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 8,388; Attained 8,392 (100.05 percent/+4).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 9,422; Attained 10,553 (112.00 percent/+1,131).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 5,410; Attained 7,340 (135.67 percent/+1,930).
 - **Quality.** All Reserve Components exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition.** The Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Air National Guard experienced higher than projected attrition rates for August (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.