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

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

The Military Services continue to face a challenging recruitment market in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. However, among the Active Components, the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force achieved their fiscal-year-to-date (FYTD) recruiting missions through July 2024. The Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve achieved their FYTD recruiting missions through July 2024 among the Reserve Components.

- **Active Component.**

- **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through end of month July.
  - Army Accessions: Goal: 40,200; Attained 40,893 (101.72 percent/+693).
  - Navy Accessions: Goal 31,842; Attained 26,185 (82.23 percent/-5,657).
  - Marine Corps Accession: Goal 19,184; Attained 19,405 (101.15 percent/+221)
  - Air Force Accessions: Goal 22,593; Attained 22,713 (100.53 percent/+120).
  - Space Force Accessions: Goal 600; Attained 603 (100.50 percent/+3).
- **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 July 2024.
- **Retention.** All Military Services showed strong retention in the tenth month of the fiscal year and achieved 100% of their monthly target towards year-to-date retention goal across all zones.

- **Reserve Component.**

- **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through end of month July.
  - Army NG Gains: Goal 28,995; Attained 30,448 (105.15 percent/+1,493).
  - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 11,949; Attained 8,988 (75.22 percent/-2,961).
  - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 6,173; Attained 5,728 (92.79 percent/-445).
  - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 4,776; Attained 5,880 (123.12 percent/+ 1,104).
  - Air NG Gains: Goal 6,778; Attained 6,864 (101.27 percent/+86).
  - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,769; Attained 5,005 (104.95 percent/+236).
- **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 July 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.