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**DEPARTMENT OF WAR ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – THRU APRIL 2026**

Today, the Department of War (DoW) announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through end of April 2026.

The Military Services are well positioned to meet their accession goals as they enter the third quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

- **Active Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Services data below represents cumulative fiscal year to date (FYTD) goals and accessions/gains through end of month (EOM) April 2026.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 34,750; Attained: 36,085 (103.84 percent/+1335)
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 24,514; Attained: 24,977 (101.89 percent/+463).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 9,565; Attained: 9,861 (103.09 percent/+296).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 18,314; Attained: 18,319 (100.03 percent/+5).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 491; Attained: 506 (103.05 percent/+15).
 - **Quality.** All the Services' Active Components except Army met their DoW AFQT benchmarks through EOM April 2026.
- **Retention.** The Department is on track to meet its annual retention goals across all zones for the seventh month of the FY. Each Service has implemented targeted programs and initiatives to maintain strong retention rates between 89% and 95%. On April 1, 2026, the Army launched the new Quality Tiered Incentives Program. The Navy and Marine Corps continue to exceed their year-to-date mission goals and remain on pace to meet their overall targets. The Air Force and Space Force are pursuing aggressive growth across the Future Years Defense Program and have set ambitious retention goals. Notably, the Department of the Air Force (USAF and USSF) has updated its reporting to count FY 2026 goals cumulatively by month.
- **Reserve Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM April 2026.
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 8,277; Attained: 7,604 (91.87 percent/-673)
 - Army National Guard: Goal 24,448; Attained: 25,378 (103.80 percent/+930)
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,633; Attained: 3,993 (109.91 percent/+360).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,764; Attained: 4,101 (108.95 percent/+337).
 - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 5,564; Attained: 5,332 (95.83 percent/-232).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 3,873; Attained: 3,382 (87.32 percent/-491).
 - **Quality.** All the Reserve Components met DoW quality benchmarks except Army Reserve and Army National Guard through EOM April 2026.

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 and Space 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.

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