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**DEPARTMENT OF WAR ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – THRU OCTOBER 2025**

Today, the Department of War (DoW) announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through end of month October 2025.

As FY 2026 begins, the Military Services are focused on continuing the momentum of success they experienced during FY 2025. This positive trend was confirmed in the first month of the new FY, with all active components successfully achieving their recruitment accession missions at end-of-month October 2025. While this represents a significant accomplishment, the Military Services remain focused on mitigating the potential impacts of pervasive challenges in the recruiting market to ensure sustained recruiting success.

- **Active Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** Service data below represents cumulative fiscal year to date (FYTD) goals and accessions/gains through EOM October 2025.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 5,400; Attained: 6,350 (117.59 percent/+950)
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 2,194; Attained: 2,851 (129.95 percent/+657).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 1,512; Attained: 1,530 (101.19 percent/+18).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 2,080; Attained: 2,080 (100.00 percent).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 126; Attained: 126 (100.00 percent).
 - **Quality.** Marine Corps, Air Force and Space Force met or exceeded DoW quality benchmarks through EOM October 2025.
 - **Retention.** Active Navy and Marine Corps met their goals across all zones for the first month of the FY. Army and Air Force data is lagging by one month due to the government shutdown, however, both Services expect to meet FY 2026 retention goals.
- **Reserve Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM October 2025.
 - Army National Guard Gains: Goal 3,577; Attained: 5,156 (144.14 percent/+1,579).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 1,089; Attained: 1,020 (93.66 percent/-69).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 575; Attained: 626 (108.87 percent/+51).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 541; Attained: 736 (136.04 percent/+195).
 - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 600; Attained: 643 (107.17 percent/+43).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 554; Attained: 494 (89.17percent/-60).
 - **Quality.** Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve met or exceeded DoW quality benchmarks through EOM October 2025.

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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