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

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

The Military Services continue to maintain recruitment momentum during the fourth month of Fiscal Year 2026.

- **Active Components.**

- **Recruiting.** Service data below represents cumulative fiscal year to date (FYTD) goals and accessions/gains through EOM January 2026.

- Army Accessions: Goal 16,000 Attained: 17,886 (111.79 percent/+1,886)
- Navy Accessions: Goal 13,500; Attained: 14, 074 (104.25 percent/+574).
- Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 5,131; Attained: 5,277 (102.85 percent/+146).
- Air Force Accessions: Goal 9,923; Attained: 9,906 (99.83 percent/-17).
- Space Force Accessions: Goal 252; Attained: 252 (100.00 percent/0).

- **Quality.** All of the Services with the exception of Army met or exceeded DoW quality benchmarks through EOM January 2026.

Retention. Navy and USMC met their goals across all zones for the fourth month of the fiscal year. Army Career Counselors are still trying to close the gap from the limited options available during the shutdown at the beginning of the FY. Currently, the Space Force is not offering a selection retention bonus but evaluating other retention tools to improve efforts.

- **Reserve Components.**

- **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM January 2026.

- Army National Guard Gains: Goal 13,323; Attained: 15,121 (113.50 percent/+1,798).
- Army Reserve Gains: Goal 4,587; Attained: 4,140 (90.26 percent/-447).
- Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 1,953; Attained: 2,274 (116.44 percent/+321).
- Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 2,157; Attained: 2,520 (116.83 percent/+363).
- Air National Guard Gains: Goal 2,932; Attained: 3,004 (102.46 percent/+72).
- Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,224; Attained: 1,854 (83.36 percent/-370).

- **Quality.** Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve met or exceeded DoW quality benchmarks through EOM January 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.