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

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

The Military Services continue to sustain positive momentum with its recruitment accession goals during the second 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 EOM March 2026.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 30,250 Attained: 31,211 (103.18 percent/+961)
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 20,588; Attained: 21,469 (104.28 percent/+881).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 8,091; Attained: 8,330 (102.95 percent/+239).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 15,790; Attained: 15,796 (100.04 percent/+6).
    - Space Force Accessions: Goal 379; Attained: 387 (102.11 percent/+8).
  - **Quality.** All the Services' Active Components except Army met their DoW AFQT benchmarks through EOM March 2026.
  - **Retention.** The Department is pacing towards its annual goals across all zones for the first half of the FY. Army initial reenlistments have steadily increased over the past six months and have recovered well. Despite appearing stagnant, the Air Force retention has consistently remained above 85% across all retention zones over this quarter. The Space Force will increase their reenlistment rates once they issue their Special Reenlistment Bonus program in April/early May. Each Service is using deliberate talent management tools and incentives to bolster retention across all zones of the FY.
- **Reserve Components.**
  - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM March 2026.
    - Army National Guard Gains: Goal 20,952; Attained: 22,353 (106.69 percent/+1,401).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 7,134; Attained: 6,481 (90.85 percent/-653).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,058; Attained: 3,500 (114.45 percent/+442).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 3,217; Attained: 3,571 (111.00 percent/+354).
    - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 4,662; Attained: 4,497 (96.46 percent/-165).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 3,340; Attained: 2,867 (85.84 percent/-473).
  - **Quality.** All the Reserve Components met DoW quality benchmarks except Army Reserve and Army National Guard through EOM March 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.