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

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

The Military Services are positioned to meet their accession goals as they progress through the third quarter of 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) June 2026.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 44,400; Attained: 46,147 (103.93 percent/+1,747)
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 32,314; Attained: 32,549 (100.73 percent/+235).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 16,472; Attained: 16,639 (101.01 percent/+167).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 24,356; Attained: 24,359 (100.01 percent/+3).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 605; Attained: 625 (103.31 percent/+20).
 - **Quality.** All the Services' Active Components except Army met their DoW AFQT benchmarks through EOM June 2026.

Retention. The Department's Active Component retention zones continue to improve each month, particularly across the mid-career and career zones. To further enhance retention in the initial zones and beyond, the Services have taken necessary steps to promote continued service. The Army is focusing on filling critical specialties and hard-to-fill positions through force structure rebalancing and by reskilling qualified Soldiers from over-strength career fields into those with critical shortages. The Navy and Marine Corps continue to exceed their Mission Year-To-Date goals. The Air Force and Space Force have adjusted their growth posture and set ambitious retention goals. As a result, the Air Force's retention shows improvement across the initial (88%) and mid-career (96%) zones, and the Space Force is experiencing small shifts in each retention zone since releasing its Selective Retention Bonus.

- **Reserve Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM June 2026.
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 10,665; Attained: 10,925 (102.44 percent/+260)
 - Army National Guard: Goal 30,021; Attained: 30,855 (102.78 percent/+834)
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 4,421; Attained: 4,998 (113.05 percent/+577).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 5,266; Attained: 5,724 (108.70 percent/+458).
 - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 7,427; Attained: 6,859 (92.35 percent/-568).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,962; Attained: 4,336 (87.38 percent/-626).
 - **Quality.** All the Reserve Components met DoW quality benchmarks except Army Reserve and Army National Guard through EOM June 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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