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

Today, the Department of War (DoW) announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through end of month February 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 February 2026.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 24,290 Attained: 24,362 (100.30 percent/+72)
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 17,014; Attained: 17,819 (104.73 percent/+805).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 6,611; Attained: 6,802 (102.89 percent/+191).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 12,520; Attained: 12,517 (99.98 percent/-3).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 379; Attained: 382 (100.79 percent/+3).
 - **Quality.** All the Services' Active Components except Army met their DoW AFQT benchmarks through EOM February 2026.
- **Retention.** Both Navy and Marine Corps met their goals across all zones through the fifth month of the FY. Army Career Counselors are still trying to close the gap from the limited options available during the shutdown at the beginning of the FY and continue to explore various incentives to minimize inventory shortfalls and retain high quality Soldiers. Air Force enlisted retention is consistent with healthy retention in terms of both readiness and opportunities for promotion and career advancement for the enlisted force. The Space Force is still 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 February 2026.
 - Army National Guard Gains: Goal 17,006; Attained: 18,624 (109.51 percent/+1,618).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 5,836; Attained: 5,318 (91.12 percent/-518).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 2,496; Attained: 2,925 (117.19 percent/+429).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 2,687; Attained: 3,020 (112.39 percent/+333).
 - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 3,769; Attained: 3,673 (97.45 percent/-96).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 2,751; Attained: 2,338 (84.99 percent/-413).
 - **Quality.** All the Reserve Components met DoW quality benchmarks except Army Reserve and Army National Guard through EOM February 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.