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

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

Through the third month of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, the Military Services continue to build upon the recruitment momentum. At the end of the month for December 2025, all active components achieved their fiscal-year-to-date (FYTD) recruiting accession goals.

- **Active Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** Service data below represents cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM December 2025.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 10,100; Attained: 11,759 (116.43 percent/+1,659)
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 9,425; Attained: 10,194 (108.16 percent/+769).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 3,702; Attained: 3,772 (101.89 percent/+70).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 7,062; Attained: 7,062 (100.00 percent).
 - Space Force Accessions: Goal 252; Attained: 252 (100.00 percent).
 - **Quality.** The Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force all met DoW recruit quality benchmarks through December 2025.
 - **Retention.** Navy and Marine Corps met their goals across all zones for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Army continues to make progress in their initial zone, and Air Force is reporting no issues or concerns despite the current retention rates across all zones.
- **Reserve Components.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative FYTD goals and accessions/gains through EOM December 2025.
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 3,570; Attained: 3,026 (84.76 percent/-544).
 - Army National Guard Gains: Goal 10,056; Attained: 11,675 (116.10 percent/+1,619).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 1,494; Attained: 1,792 (119.95 percent/+298).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 1,491; Attained: 1,792 (120.19 percent/+301).
 - Air National Guard Gains: Goal 2,072; Attained: 2,116 (102.12 percent/+44).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 1,652; Attained: 1,399 (84.69 percent/-253).
 - **Quality.** Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve met or exceeded DoW quality benchmarks through EOM December 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.