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How do you know your blood is going to the troops?

Give to the red, white and blue

WHAT IS THE ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM?

The ASBP is the official military provider of blood products to U.S. armed forces. Service members are often confused and erroneously believe that a civilian collection agency provides blood products to the military community. That is not true. The ASBP is one of four organizations that ensure our nation has a safe, potent blood supply. We work closely with our civilian counterparts in times of need. However, the ASBP is the official blood collection, manufacturing, transport and transfusion program for the U.S. military.

MISSION

The mission of the ASBP is to provide quality blood products and services for all customers in both peace and war. It is tasked with the collection, processing, storage and transportation of blood and blood products to ill or injured service members, veterans and their families worldwide.



WHO IS THE ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM?

Tri-service organization benefiting all major services

As a tri-service organization, the ASBP represents all three branches of service – Army, Navy and Air Force. As a joint operation among the military services, the ASBP has many components working together to collect, process, store, transport and transfuse blood worldwide.

Begun in 1952 and a fully-operational, distinct program by 1962

The ASBP was begun by President Harry Truman in 1952. It has been a fully-operational, distinct blood program since 1962. After the Korean War, the ASBP took over collecting, processing and transporting blood products for the military community from the American Red Cross.

Governed by the FDA to maintain safety and quality

Like civilian collection agencies, the ASBP is governed by strict Food and Drug Administration guidelines to maintain safety and quality of blood and blood products. The ASBP follows the standards, procedures, recommendations and guidelines of the AABB, formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks.

We are not the same organization as the American Red Cross

But we do work closely in times of need, as we do with all civilian blood agencies: America's Blood Centers, Blood Centers of America and other local hospital organizations. Blood cannot be donated to the ASBP through a civilian organization. When civilian agencies collect blood on a military installation, an agreement is made to ensure that for every certain number of units collected, a certain number of credits are set aside to be used upon request by the ASBP.

In fact, many service members who are treated at civilian hospitals receive blood from civilian agencies.

The ASBP collaborates with and provides blood to civilians during emergencies at home or globally, during humanitarian missions. Sharing donors is part of how we all work together to save lives.



WHERE IS THE ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM?

Blood for the battlefield is transported by the ASBP

The ASBP is responsible for providing blood and blood products to deployed service members on the battlefield, on board Navy casualty receiving treatment ships, hospital ships and aircraft carriers. Anyone receiving blood or blood products in a combat area will receive blood through the ASBP. The only way to know your donation will definitely go to the ASBP, directly

ARMY BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

Fort Benning, Ga.
Fort Bliss, Texas
Fort Bragg, N.C.
Fort Gordon, Ga.
Fort Hood, Texas
Landstuhl, Germany
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii

NAVY BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

Bethesda, Md.
Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Great Lakes, Ill.
Okinawa, Japan
Portsmouth, Va.
San Diego, Calif.
U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam

AIR FORCE BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

Keesler AFB, Miss.
Lackland AFB, Texas
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



supporting service members on the battlefield is to look for the flag blood drop, most commonly depicted as a red, white and blue drop.

More than 20 blood donor centers worldwide

There are more than 20 ASBP blood donor centers in the U.S. and around the globe. Each service operates multiple blood donor centers. Others, known as Armed Services Blood Bank Centers, are operated with tri-service support, which means, that personnel from all three services are working in the center.



We do it all: collect, test, transport and transfuse

Blood is collected and processed at supporting installations and ASBP blood donor centers. All of the ASBP blood donor centers send blood collected at their sites to one of two Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratories, or ASWBPLs. The ASWBPLs then send blood into theater either by pre-positioning frozen blood at Blood Product Depots or by sending blood and blood components to Expeditionary Blood Transshipment Systems, which then forward the blood products to Blood Supply Units. The blood will go from there to forward deployed surgical units, theater hospitals, U.S. Navy ships, enroute care, Force Service Support Groups or Allied/Coalition hospitals. Forward deployed surgical units and theater hospitals will then provide blood and blood products to first responders at the unit level.

WHY IS AN ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM NEEDED?

We support them all: active duty, retirees and military families



Blood and blood products are used for military patients of all ages for many reasons. Whether blood is needed to treat cancer patients, surgical patients or battlefield injuries, service members depend on blood donors every day. Each unit is critical when you consider:

- 40 or more units of blood may be needed for a single trauma victim.
- 8 units of platelets may be required daily by leukemia patients undergoing treatment.
- A single pint of blood can sustain a premature infant's life for two weeks.

Army Lt. Nicholas Vogt

1st Lt. Nicholas Vogt received more than 500 units of donated blood after being injured by a roadside bomb while deployed to Afghanistan. In Kandahar alone, he received 404 units of blood. After a call when out to his brothers and sisters in arms in Afghanistan, more than 300 fellow service members rolled up their sleeves to donate blood after hearing about the severity of his injuries. To date, Vogt has received more blood than any other survivor in combat history.

Marine Cpl. Mark Fidler

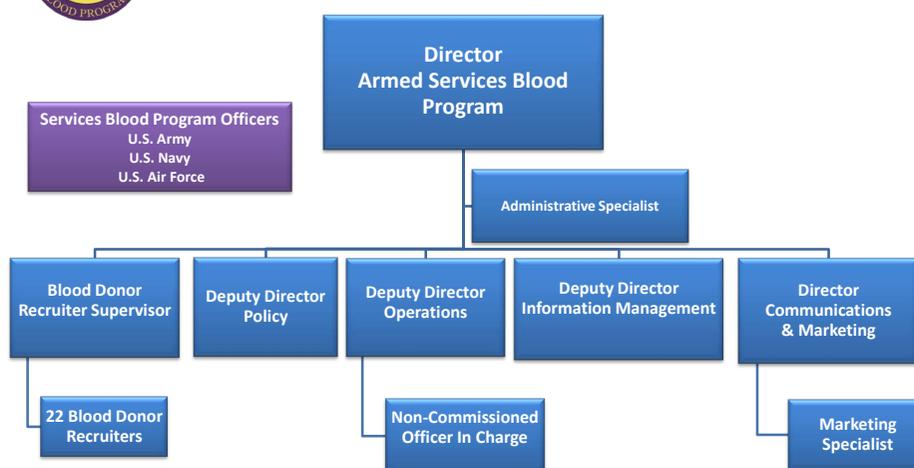
Like Vogt, Cpl. Mark Fidler was also severely injured after being struck by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. On the first day after his injuries, Fidler received 120 units of blood. The day after, he received another 68 units. Every time he went into surgery the hospital prepared 20 units of blood for his use. Although he lost both legs, Fidler survived and has been able to accomplish some of his dreams – like fishing on Jimmy Buffet's boat – as he continues to recover from his wounds.

Since the ASBP's inception over 60 years ago, more than 1.5 million units of blood have been provided to treat battlefield illnesses and injuries. While ASBP blood recipients are most often thought of as deployed service members injured in the line of duty, the ASBP also supports the peacetime needs of military personnel and their families. Blood must be available to military hospitals for scheduled and emergency procedures.

Additionally, the ASBP's recipient base extends beyond the military community. In cases of natural disasters or other catastrophes, the ASBP is called upon to serve civilians in need, not only here at home but globally during humanitarian missions. Anyone receiving blood products in a combat area will receive blood through the ASBP.



The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) Leadership & Organization



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the ASBP, please visit us online at www.militaryblood.dod.mil
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