Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP)
The ASBP is the official military provider of blood products to U.S. armed forces. As a division in the Defense Health Agency’s Combat Support Directorate, we focus on equipping the warfighter with the lifesaving blood needed far forward as well as the constant and steady need of blood products at treatment facilities worldwide.

Committed to Mission Readiness
The mission of the ASBP is to provide quality blood products and services for all worldwide 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, their families, retirees and veterans worldwide.

Army Colonel Audra L. Taylor is the current U.S. Department of Defense Division Chief of the Armed Services Blood Program.

Taylor attended Howard University on a four-year U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology in May 1994. She was assigned to the 16th Medical Logistics Battalion as a Blood Platoon Leader at Camp Carroll, Korea. Taylor earned a master’s degree in Health Sciences from George Washington University and received her Specialist in Blood Banking certification in 2004. She has served in a variety of assignments to include the following: Quality Assurance Officer, Assistant Laboratory Manager, Laboratory Manager, Chief of Blood Services, Commander, Instructor, Theater Laboratory Consultant (Operation Iraqi Freedom), Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Program Director and Joint Blood Program Officer (Operation Enduring Freedom) in Central Command and Director, Army Blood Program.

Joint operation benefiting all major services
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. By the time of the Vietnam War, the military blood program was fully operational and a distinct program ready to support the blood product needs.

Governed by the FDA to maintain safety and quality
ASBP is regulated by strict Food and Drug Administration guidelines to maintain the safety and quality of blood and blood products. We are held to the same standards and requirements as civilian collection agencies and along with them, receive accreditation by the AABB, a not-for-profit international transfusion medicine association.

We are the Military’s Only Blood Program
The ASBP is one of four organizations that ensure our nation has a safe, potent blood supply and we work together in times of need. However, we are the official and only blood program of the military and are not affiliated with other civilian collection agencies.

The only way to know your donation will definitely go to the military, directly supporting service members on the battlefield, is to donate with the ASBP.
**Blood for the battlefield is transported by the ASBP**

The ASBP is responsible for providing blood and blood products to deployed service members in the heart of the battlefield. Anyone receiving blood or blood products in a combat area will receive blood through the ASBP.

**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. Many of our donor centers travel and conduct mobile drives in their surrounding areas as well or sometimes further out for large-scale blood drives.

Armed Services Blood Bank Centers are operated on a tri-service basis. This means, that all three services are present in the center and are part of the center’s operating procedures. They are noted with an asterisk (*) below.

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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.

Since the ASBP’s inception over 65 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.

For more information
To learn more about the ASBP, please visit us online at www.militaryblood.dod.mil. To interact directly with our staff, see more photos or to get the latest news, follow @militaryblood on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, Pinterest and @usmilitaryblood on Instagram.

“I am living proof that the blood that you give matters. And I would not be here... if we didn’t have people that volunteered to give that kind of blood,”

Colonel Gregory Gadson, USA, Retired
Armed Services Blood Program

Stood up in 1952. Fully operational distinct program by 1962

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We do it all: collect, test ship and transfuse

Over 20 blood donor centers worldwide

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