



SAVE LIVES

ABOUT ASBP

The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) is the official Department of Defense provider of blood products for U.S. Armed Forces. As a division in the Defense Health Agency, we focus on equipping service members, their families, retirees, and veterans worldwide with the lifesaving blood products needed, whether on the battlefield or in military hospitals, in peace and in war.

COMMITTED TO MISSION READINESS

The ASBP mission is to provide quality blood products and support to military healthcare operations worldwide.

We are tasked with the collection, processing, storage, transport, and distribution of blood products for our military community worldwide; whenever and wherever needed.

★ SAFE AND VIABLE BLOOD SUPPLY ★ PRODUCTS FAR FORWARD ★ MISSION READY

BEGUN IN 1952. FULLY-OPERATIONAL, DISTINCT PROGRAM BY 1962

President Harry Truman implemented the ASBP in 1952. It became a fully operational blood program in 1962. After the Korean War, the ASBP assumed collecting, processing and transporting blood products for the military community from the American Red Cross. When the Vietnam War started, the ASBP was a distinct program, ready to support the military's blood product needs.

A JOINT OPERATION PROGRAM

As a joint operation among the Services since its inception, the ASBP has many components working together to deliver safe and quality blood products around the world. Our donors, supporters, collection centers, laboratories, transshipment systems, research and more come together with a common goal of saving lives; whether it be Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Space Force based. The lifesaving blood products benefit all in military community.

BLOOD FOR THE BATTLEFIELD

The ASBP has a mission of readiness. We are tasked with equipping service members in the heart of battle with the blood products they need, wherever and whenever they need them. Anyone receiving blood far forward and deployed to areas known and unknown is through us.



BLOOD TRANSFUSION AT MOBILE ARMY SURGICAL
HOSPITAL (MASH) UNIT IN 1950S

ORGANIZATION

THE ONLY BLOOD PROGRAM OF THE U.S. MILITARY

The ASBP is the official blood program of the U.S. military and is not affiliated with other civilian collection agencies. However, we are one of four organizations that ensures our nation has a safe, potent blood supply and we work together in times of need.

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

COLLECTION



OVER 20 BLOOD DONOR CENTERS WORLDWIDE

There are over 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 (*).

ASBP BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

- Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
- Fort Bliss, Texas
- Fort Cavazos, Texas
- Fort Eisenhower, Georgia
- Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- Fort Liberty, North Carolina
- Fort Moore, Georgia
- Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington*
- Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
- Lackland Air Force Base, Texas*
- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany*
- Lovell Federal Health Care Center, Illinois
- Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia
- Naval Medical Center San Diego, California
- Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia (satellite location)
- Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii
- U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam
- U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan*
- Walter Reed National Medical Center, Maryland*
- Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

GOVERNED BY THE FDA TO MAINTAIN SAFETY AND QUALITY

ASBP is regulated by Food and Drug Administration guidelines to maintain the safety and quality of 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.

"I'M ALIVE BECAUSE PEOPLE CARE, BECAUSE PEOPLE DONATE BLOOD"

- Retired Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills

Retired Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills is one of only five quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to have survived his injuries, largely thanks to the donated blood he received in a hospital in Kandahar.



ARM TO ARM



COLLECT

Blood is collected and processed at supporting installations and ASBP blood donor centers.



PROCESS

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. Here blood is given additional testing, packaged per type of product and set for shipping.



STORE

The ASBP has over 10 different types of blood products it makes available to different areas around the world, depending on need and storage capabilities. We ensure each of these products are stored correctly and safely; ready when needed and sent for shipping.



TRANSPORT

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.



DISTRIBUTE

The Blood Supply Units receive blood products and distribute according where the mission requires as well as in emergency situations. Due to innovation and major research initiatives, blood products continue to be pushed farther forward to the point of injury.

WE SUPPORT ALL

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, all depend on blood donors every day.

- 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.

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. When natural disasters or other catastrophes strike, the ASBP serves civilians in need, not only at home, but globally during humanitarian missions. Anyone receiving blood products in a combat area will receive blood through the ASBP.

*For the military community.
From the military community.*



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For more information - health.mil/militaryblood | Find a blood drive near you - militarydonor.com

