

Medical Services
FORT HOOD COMMUNITY BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTATION. *Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited except upon approval of Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, ATTN: HSXI-MED, Fort Hood, Texas.*

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. *The proponent of this regulation is the Director of Health Services. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, ATTN: HSXI-MED.*

OVERVIEW

Purpose This regulation sets up policies and procedures to be used for securing volunteer blood donors as well as for

- collecting
- processing
- storing, and
- distributing

- blood collected at the Fort Hood Community Blood Bank Center on a daily basis.

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Blood Bank Center The Blood Bank Center includes the

- Fort Hood Community Blood Donor Center,
- Blood Services Activities, and
- Frozen Blood Storage Facility.

The Blood Bank Center is located in buildings 4448, 4449, and 4451, near the south end of 72d street.

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Reference FM 8-70 (Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services)

Food and Drug Administration, CFR 21 Parts 600 to 799

HSC Reg 40-19 (Medical Services U.S. Army Health Services Command Blood Program)

TM-8-227-3 (Technical Manual of the American Association of Blood Banks)

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Hours of Operations The Blood Bank Center hours of operation are

- 0730 - 1530 Monday - Thursday
 - 0730 - 1200 Friday.
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Hours of Operations (Continued)

The donor center staff can process 40 donors per hour.

It takes about 1 hour per person to donate blood

- registration - 15 minutes
- medical interview and physical - 20 minutes
- actual donation - 15 minutes
- refreshments and observation - 10 minutes.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

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Installation Commander

The installation commander is responsible for a viable blood donor program, under the provisions of AR 40-2 (Army Medical Treatment Facilities General Administration).

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Director Health Services (DHS)

The DHS, Fort Hood

- is the designated installation blood donor procurement officer
- appoints qualified medical and medical service corps officers as necessary to direct and supervise the daily activities of the Blood Bank Center.

2b

Director of Blood Bank Center

The Blood Bank Center director is responsible for:

- a post-wide publicity program to include preparation of timely notification to unit commanders from which donors are recruited
- daily operation of the Blood Bank Center following the standards of the American Association of Blood Banks and the Food and Drug Administration to include
 - blood donor qualifications
 - collecting, processing, storing and distributing blood products as required to meet regional and Department of Defense (DOD) military medical needs.

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Local Commanders

Commanders at every echelon assure the command support necessary for the success of the blood donor program.

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Project Officers

Each military element listed in 4a below, provides a project officer responsible for recruiting volunteer blood donors.

The project officer coordinates directly with the Technical Director, the Blood Bank Center, to set up

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- Project Officers
(Continued)
- number of blood donors
 - days for donation, and
 - arrival timer.

Failure to adhere to assigned times causes unnecessary loss of man-hours to parent organization and a longer waiting time to the actual donor.

NOTE: Contact Technical Director, the Blood Bank Center at 287-3989 in Building 4448.

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PROCUREMENT OF BLOOD

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Volunteers The donor center procures blood from volunteers

- active duty military personnel
- family members 18 years of age and older
- reserve component personnel on active duty training status,
- Department of the Army civilian employees at Fort Hood, or
- DOD Health Care Beneficiaries.

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Exchange The donor center procures blood by exchange

- of whole blood
- of blood components, and
- between military and civilian medical facilities to conserve blood supplies and resources.

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SCHEDULE

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Annual Schedule Each year the blood bank center submits a schedule to the blood donor project officers of

- 1st Cavalry Division
- 2d Armored Division
- 3d Signal Brigade
- 6th Cavalry Brigade (Air Combat)
- 13th Support Command (Corps)
- 31st ADA Brigade
- 89th Military Police Brigade
- 504th Military Intelligence Group
- Headquarters, III Corps
- DENTAC
- MEDDAC
- TEXCOM

The blood bank center bases its schedule on the 5-day work week operation of the Blood Bank Center.

4a

Goals Goals are

- established using approximately 3 1/2% of the assigned strength
- reviewed periodically as assigned strength changes are published
- considered minimal to meet blood resources inventory requirements.

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DONOR ELIGIBILITY

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General The Blood Bank Center uses the following major criteria to determine the eligibility of personnel for blood donation purposes.

These criteria are the most commonly encountered for donor deferrals.

It is in the best interest of each participating unit to screen prospective donors for these criteria in an effort to reduce unnecessary man-hour losses to themselves on donor days.

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Previous Donations The interval between

- donation of whole blood must be eight weeks (56 days), or more
- plasma only donation is 48 hours.

Failure of either results in temporary deferral for balance of time interval required.

5b

Immunizations or Vaccinations The following deferral periods apply:

- 2-week deferral period after:
 - Small pox
 - Sabin Polio
 - Measles (Rubeola)
 - Mumps
 - Yellow Fever
- 1- month deferral period after:
 - German Measles (Rubella)
- 12-month deferral period after:
 - Hepatitis B Immune Globulin
 - Rabies vaccination with products prepared from other than duck embryo.

5c

Oral Surgery 72-hour deferral period after: Tooth extraction or other oral surgery.

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Illnesses

Normally deferrals apply to the following:

- active tuberculosis
- diabetes
- serious heart disease
- kidney disease
- lung disease
- current alcoholism
- drug addiction
- active cold, flu or other acute upper respiratory infections.

Exceptions to normal deferrals follow:

- Malaria
 - 3-year deferral period after: Cessation of antimalarial prophylaxis or treatment or return from Malaria endemic area.
- History of Hepatitis
 - permanently deferred.

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Miscellaneous

The following deferral applies to

- exposure to Hepatitis C
- tattoo or pierced ears
- recipient of blood or blood products
 - defer for 12 months following procedure.

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DONOR NOURISHMENT

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General

Nourishment for blood donors both before and after blood collection by Army personnel is medically indicated and authorized at Army expense from locally available funds, reference AR 40-2.

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INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

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Instant Incentive

The Blood Bank Center encourages the units to give the donor the remainder of the donation day off in recognition of their program support.

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Gallon Donors

The Blood Bank Center

- issues a certificate of appreciation to donors contributing eight or more units of blood
- places their names on the Gallon Donor Club Roster at the Donor Center.

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Unit
Recognition

The Blood Bank Center

- for donor purposes, classifies Fort Hood organizations as being either division level, brigade level, or support level.
- provides three plaques, one for each level.
- has the respective plaque engraved with the name of the organization providing the highest percentage of its annual goal within its classification.
- presents the plaque to the unit commander or command sergeant major to display.

NOTE: In the event of ties, the Blood Bank Center presents the plaque to the unit with the highest percentage of donor goals attained for the entire year.

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