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About Us

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 and blood products needed on the battlefield as well as in military treatment facilities worldwide.

Committed to Mission Readiness

The ASBP's mission 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.

- **Safe and viable blood supply**
- **Products pushed closer to point-of-injury**
- **Mission ready**

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

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.

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 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.

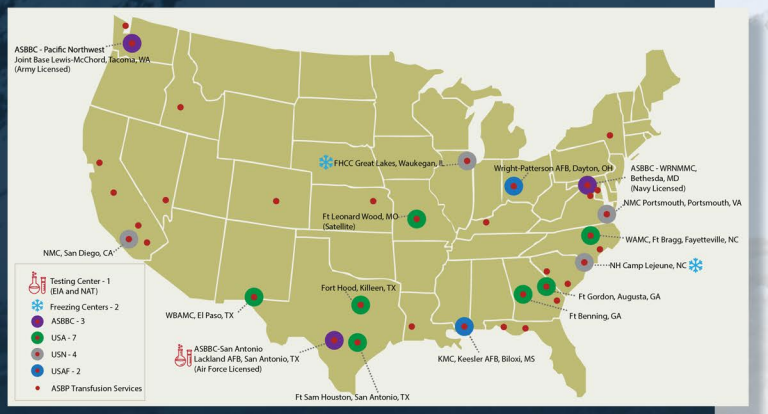
Blood for the battlefield is transported by the ASBP

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.

20 blood donor centers worldwide

There are 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 (*).



ARMY BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

Fort Benning, Georgia
Fort Bliss, Texas
Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Fort Gordon, Georgia
Fort Hood, Texas
Landstuhl, Germany*
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington*
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii

NAVY BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

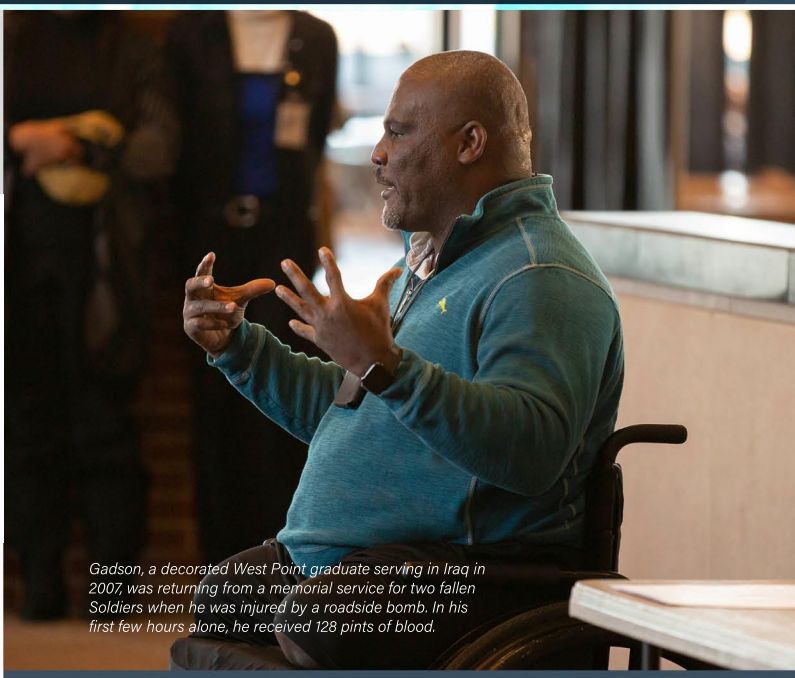
Bethesda, Maryland*
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Great Lakes, Illinois
Okinawa, Japan*
Portsmouth, Virginia
San Diego, California
U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam
Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia (satellite location)

AIR FORCE BLOOD DONOR CENTERS

Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas*

"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



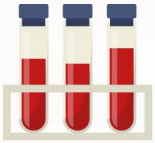
Gadson, a decorated West Point graduate serving in Iraq in 2007, was returning from a memorial service for two fallen Soldiers when he was injured by a roadside bomb. In his first few hours alone, he received 128 pints of blood.

We Do It All:

Collect

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

Test



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.

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.

Transfuse

The blood will go from there to forward surgery units, theater hospitals, Navy ships, en-route care, Force Service Support Groups or Allied/Coalition hospitals.

Forward surgery units and theater hospitals will then provide blood to be transfused by first responders at the unit level.

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.

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. 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.

With your continued support, we will meet the U.S. military blood needs.

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