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MARINE CORPS BASE ORDER 6530.1A

From: Commander
To: Distribution List
Subj: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BLOOD PROGRAM
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6530.4A (NOTAL)
(b) DoD Civilian Personnel Manual (NOTAL)
(c) Federal Personnel Manual (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To establish policies and procedures regarding donor support for the subject program.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 6530.1.

3. Background

a. Reference (a) endorses the goals of this program and iterates the continuing responsibilities of CO's in meeting requirements for adequate supplies of whole blood for use in Naval medical facilities. Navy and Marine Corps volunteer donors supply all of the basic blood requirements of the Medical Department. In addition to providing this basic supply, Navy and Marine Corps donors are also needed to support both existing and potential contingency requirements.

b. It should be noted that this is a separate and distinct program from the American Red Cross Blood Program, which sells the blood it collects to local hospitals. In contrast, the Navy Blood Program is designed to meet the needs for blood and blood components of all patients receiving care in military medical treatment facilities at no cost.

4. Information

a. The Navy Blood Program in the greater Washington area is represented by the Blood Bank of the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. Blood is collected from volunteer donors (i.e., active duty, family members, civil service, and retired personnel).

b. Blood collection dates for organizations aboard MCB, Quantico are scheduled periodically and are promulgated in the form of a MCB bulletin depicting the unit collection dates. In addition, announcements will be made by means of blood donor notices and flyers posted at the unit or collection area.

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5. Policy. An adequate supply of blood and blood components is necessary to meet both daily requirements for patient care and unforeseen emergency requirements. Accordingly, the Commander enjoins the wholehearted support and cooperation of all MCB personnel in this vital Navy Blood Program. Since volunteer military personnel provide the basic blood supply for Naval hospitals and contingency programs, their availability as donors for local, nonprofit civilian community blood programs must be subordinate to fulfillment of Naval hospital requirements. CO's and management personnel shall allow military personnel and civilian volunteers to donate blood during working hours, for both routine and emergency blood requirements. Per references (b) and (c), 4 hours discretionary leave should be granted to participating civilian personnel and 4 hours special liberty to military members. The purpose of this excused time is twofold: to encourage participation and to permit reasonable recuperation time for those who participate. In addition, donors should refrain from stressful activity for 24 hours after donation. Interruptions to working and training schedules are inevitable; however, these disruptions can be minimized by good planning and the establishment of reasonable schedules.

6. Action

a. CO, Naval Medical Clinic, Quantico

(1) Coordinate support for the Navy Blood Program and publish appropriate schedules by separate directives to support this program.

(2) Coordinate all requests from civilian blood banks (i.e., American Red Cross) for permission to conduct on-base blood collection and ensure that such support is per reference (a).

b. CO's, Directors, Civilian Personnel, and Heads of Staff Agencies. Make wide dissemination of the information contained herein and motivate donors with a forethought appeal to the humanitarian feelings of Navy and Marine Corps men and women. Particular emphasis should be placed on the fact that the Sea Services "take care of their own."


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