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INSTALLATION COMMANDER**

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE
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**CHARLESTON AFB PARTICIPATION IN THE
REGIONAL MILITARY BLOOD PROGRAM**

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This regulation establishes a plan to identify potential blood donors on Charleston AFB to support the Regional Military Blood Program. We must have a system in place that will provide donors at the frequency and the quantity necessary to enable Military Medical Treatment Facilities to Maintain a working inventory of and to meet contingency needs for blood and blood products.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision adds the formal designation of a non-medical service officer or civilian employee to act as the Base Blood Program Officer and lists their responsibilities.

1. General: Because of the limited facilities at the 437th Medical Group Clinic. DoD patients requiring blood and blood products are normally sent to the Charleston Naval Hospital. However Charleston AFB does have an obligation to periodically provide donors to help maintain necessary working inventories or to meet contingency needs.

2. Base Blood Program Officer: IAW AFI 44-105, *The Air Force Blood Program*, each installation commander must formally designate a non-medical service officer or civilian employee (GS-7 or above) from the staff to act as the Base Blood Program Officer. The Base Blood Program Officer must:

- 2.1. Develop and maintain a program of donor motivation and education.
- 2.2. Develop a plan to recruit needed donors and make arrangements for the necessary base facilities to support such activities.
- 2.3. Ensure that an individual recognition program is in place. This is very important tool used to motivate and recognize donors for their efforts.

- 2.4. With the assistance of the Chief, Clinical Laboratory, act as a liaison to coordinate efforts of local civilian blood collection agencies and the Charleston Naval Hospital.
 - 2.5. With the assistance of the Chief, Clinical Laboratory, periodically give the installation commander an assessment of these activities.
3. Unit Blood Donor Recruiters: 437th Airlift Wing unit and tenant organizations will each appoint a Unit Blood Donor Recruiter. The Unit Blood Donor Recruiter will work with the Base Blood Program Officer to provide the necessary donors during periodic blood drives and for contingency operations.
 4. In order to minimize any adverse impact on the civilian community blood programs, our recruiting will be limited to military personnel, their dependents, and DoD civilian personnel. Aircrew personnel (flying classes I, IA, II & III) who maintain an Aviation Service Code (ASC) of an A, C, D, U, or E will not donate blood. Other special operation personnel, for example AFSC 17xx and 276x2, who do not actually perform duties in-flight, can give blood, but should be restricted from performing their specific duties for a 24-hour period after donating.

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ATTACHMENT 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFI 44-105, *The Air Force Blood Program*