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BUMEDINST 6530.15A  
BUMED-273  
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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6530.15A

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: All Internal BUMED Codes

Subj: DONOR SUPPORT FOR THE NAVY BLOOD PROGRAM

Ref: (a) NDWINST 6530.5D (NOTAL)  
(b) DoD Civilian Personnel Manual (NOTAL)  
(c) Federal Personnel Manual (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To define the procedures for and to encourage support of the Navy Blood Program, to designate a command blood donor coordinator, and to update information relative to subject program.

2. Cancellation. BUMED Instruction 6530.15.

3. Background

a. Donor participation in the Navy Blood Program at BUMED is coordinated by MED-273. As indicated in reference (a), the Blood Donor Center at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, is the designated blood collection agency for the Naval District Washington area.

b. The Head, Blood Bank Branch, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, assigns monthly blood donor quotas to military activities based on the combined military and DoD civilian population of those activities and their past support of the program.

4. Policy

a. To encourage military and DoD civilian personnel in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area to voluntarily donate blood, without compensation, to the Navy Blood Program and, in emergencies, to specified individuals.

b. Following reference (a), commanding officers and other management personnel are to allow military and civilian volunteers appropriate time for blood donation and recuperation requirements. Following references (b) and (c), 4 hours discretionary leave should be granted to participating civilian blood donors 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.

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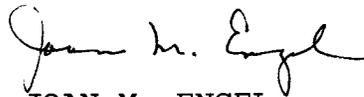
5. Responsibilities

a. The Navy Blood Program Management Branch (MED-273) is responsible for coordinating donor recruitment and promoting the program within the BUMED complex. MED-273 will coordinate requests for blood donor support of medical emergencies.

b. Each BUMED division director must appoint a blood donor keyperson who is responsible for actively promoting the Navy Blood Program in their assigned area and for recruiting and scheduling donors when requested by the BUMED donor coordinator (MED-273). The names and telephone numbers of those keypersons must be submitted, in writing, to the BUMED donor coordinator.

6. Donors. Persons are eligible to donate blood if they meet the medical requirements, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and are no younger than 17 or older than 65 years of age. Prospective donors who are considered minors under applicable law may be accepted only if written consent to donate blood has been obtained following applicable local laws. Persons 66 years of age or older may be accepted at the discretion, and with the written permission of a physician.

7. Awards. Donors will receive a Gallon Donor Certificate for each gallon of blood donated and may receive additional awards as determined by the Blood Donor Center director.



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