

Team Army Medicine:

It is with great pleasure that CSM Gragg and I announce the Fort Bragg Donor Center, Womack Army Medical Center as the winner of the Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award for the 2nd Quarter, FY 2019.

This integrated team of 23 Active Duty military and civilians worked closely to develop the XVIII ABN Corps Low Tier "O" Whole Blood Program (LTOWB). The LTOWB protocol is designed to identify, screen and collate a pool of active Fresh Whole Blood donors within the ranks to reduce preventable death on the battlefield, mitigate risk to the Commander and Force, and extend the operational research of the XVIII ABN Corps. This capability provides an agile approach to the access of life-saving measures and several blood management options in the planning and execution of combat and medical operations.

In large scale or multi-system trauma patients, there is an inadequate supply of blood products to resuscitate casualties. Consequently, of the 90% of all battlefield deaths which occur prior to the casualty reaching a military treatment facility, 60% of those deaths occur from hemorrhage. Additionally, there is an identifiable gap in blood distribution in prolonged field care settings in austere environments, Joint Forcible Entry Operations, and engagements with peer-to-peer or near-peer adversaries. In these environments, it is necessary to treat and sustain combat casualties for extended periods of time. Our ability to access, store, transport, deliver and thaw blood components on the battlefield is difficult due to the cold-chain requirements and logistical tail for current blood therapy. LTOWB will close this gap and The Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center is instrumental in this project and process.

The Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center prepared XVIII Airborne Corps to employ LTOWB, thus establishing a lifesaving procedure essential to the preservation of the lives of Soldiers on the frontlines. The teams determination and combined efforts improved the readiness of the XVIII Airborne Corps and will enhance the capabilities of the operational force. Their dedication and commitment to excellence is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon them, Womack Army Medical Center, Regional Health Command-Atlantic, the United States Medical Command and the United States Army.

Please join me in congratulating the Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center! Their efforts and achievements epitomize the highest standards of The Army and Army Medicine. The exceptional teamwork and dedication displayed by this dynamic team are indicative of the high standards of the Army and Army Medicine. Congratulations team!

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