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## **Blood Drive to be Held at Fort Meade**

**EVENT:** Armed Services Blood Program blood drive

**WHEN:** Scheduled for Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fort George G. Meade, McGill Training Center

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The upcoming blood drive provides a great opportunity to build up the blood supply, which will go to support our troops and their families.

Each military hospital requires approximately 75 blood products a day. The Armed Services Blood Program will need to buy blood from civilian sources unless enough blood is donated. At \$250 per unit, the cost of extra blood could keep money from going into other military activities.

Eligible donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh a minimum of 100 pounds. All donors are welcome to donate. Walk-ins will be processed but appointments will have priority.

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For information on eligibility or to schedule an appointment to give blood, please contact (301) 677-5536 or (301) 677-5406.

The U.S. Army Field Band will be providing entertainment from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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**DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC USE:** From Maryland Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take Maryland Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. All visitors must use the Reece Road gate. Visitors over the age of 16 will be required to show a photo I.D., registration and proof of insurance.