

**NINETY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Louisville, Kentucky
August 25, 26, 27, 2009**

Resolution No. 41: Support for Armed Forces Blood Donor Program and Blood Drives
Origin: Ohio
Submitted By: Convention Committee on National Security

WHEREAS, The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) is the Department of Defense's exclusive blood collection agency; and

WHEREAS, The ASBP is the only organization that collects and supplies blood and blood products for the men and women of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1919 The American Legion has had a history of supporting our troops through one of our four pillars, National Security; and

WHEREAS, In 2007 the Department of Defense changed its 55-year old policy of allowing only active duty military, dependents, and federal workers on a base to donate to the program; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense now allows civilians to donate in an ASBP blood drive as well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Louisville, Kentucky, August 25, 26, 27, 2009, That the American Legion declare its full support of the Armed Services Blood Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Legion encourage all Posts and Departments to organize and sponsor ASBP blood drives when and where possible; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That all members of The American Legion be encouraged to donate blood, volunteer at ASBP blood drives, or simply watch a friend's children so they can donate.