

Local blood flows to Persian Gulf supply

By Rebecca Haynes
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THE GULF WAR Hitting Home

The blood you donated a couple of weeks ago at the local bloodmobile may already be in the Persian Gulf.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross sent 100 units of blood for use by the military last Thursday and another 100 units on Friday, said Red Cross spokesman Gary Garrett. The orders, issued from the national Red Cross, required the blood be sent to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. From there, it is sent directly to the Gulf.

"We're going to try to continue to maintain our local supply at its current levels," Garrett said. "We believe we can fulfill our responsibility to the military as well as to the community."

"It's our intention to increase blood collections," he said. "But we're not in a crisis. We're not asking everybody to rush out and give blood today. We're going to need a steady stream of donors to keep supplies level."

Garrett wasn't sure what their orders would be for shipping out more blood, but said he is confident they can meet demand.

THE RED CROSS plans to try to increase public awareness of the fixed donor sites, letting people know they don't have to wait for a bloodmobile to come to their community to give. And, by offering a regional number and encouraging people to set appointments to donate, they hope to keep those donations spread out over a large period of time.

"If we can schedule people for appointments, we can be sure that we have enough staff available to take care of them so that no one has to wait in any long lines," Garrett said. "And we also want to stress that the units of blood are being taken from the community blood supply."

"When a person comes in to donate, we can't guarantee that their blood will go to the Gulf," he said, adding that all blood will be processed as normal and then the needed number of units will be pulled for shipment to the military.

The Southeastern Michigan Red Cross Chapter supplies blood to 60 hospitals in the five-county area. Although they need to collect 1,000 units each day to meet local need, Garrett said they are currently

running 15 to 20 percent below that goal.

"IT'S NOT AN optimistic picture when we consider that the blood type we're most low on are the O's," he said. "But we need to continue on as we always have and we're confident we'll be able to meet everyone's requirements."

Type O is the most needed blood, Garrett said. Type O blood can be given to patients with any blood type under emergency circumstances and it is probably the type that will be most requested by the military for use in the Gulf.

Dr. Boris Silberberg, director of the department of pathology at Providence Hospital in Southfield, said Providence uses about 1,000 units of blood each month, all provided by the local Red Cross.

"We have had some shortfalls in the past," he said. "We've found that in general the hospital can operate with a shortfall of up to a third, but only on a temporary mode."

With strict management, a lesser blood supply can keep things going at a normal level for about a week.

Silberberg said depending on the anti-coagulants used, donated blood can be stored for 42 days or for several months, when deep frozen.

"WE'D HAVE TO have increased donations (to send more blood to the Gulf)," he said. "I'm sure we'd be OK. The public always responds very well to any emergency of this type."

Nancy Tower, supervisor of the blood bank at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, agreed.

"I think the American public will respond and we'll have an outpouring of blood donors," she said. "Only 5 percent of the population donates blood, so all it takes is a few more people giving and those who give to give one more time."

Tower said almost all of the 22,000 units the hospital uses annually come from the Red Cross. Others come from the hospital's own blood-drawing program, which includes patients who come in to give



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Registered Nurse Pat Miller of Troy talks to Ruth Levy as the blood donation procedure begins at the Jewish Association for Retarded Citizens office in Southfield.

their own blood for an upcoming surgery.

In extreme cases, the hospital has called for employee blood drives to meet need. The last time that happened was two years ago, Tower said.

"We try very hard to avoid letting any shortages affect hospital operations," she said. "And I think the war is a cause for which Americans will take the time to donate. At least you feel like you've participated in some positive way."

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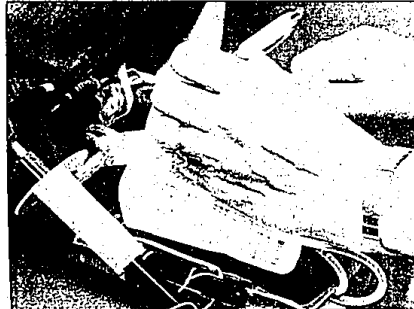
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Aside from the need for consistent

donors, the Red Cross is also looking for volunteers in many areas, including its Military Family Services program, which trains volunteers to provide emergency communication between the members of the military and their families here.

"It's usually related to the birth of a child, a serious illness or the death of a family member," he said. "The volunteers are trained to transmit these messages through many means — telephones, fax. There is an elaborate set of communications, especially during an active war."

In Oakland County, the fixed donor sites are located at 2388 Franklin Road in Bloomfield Hills, and at 2500 Greenfield Road in Oak Park. Bloodmobiles are run every day in various local communities. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-582-4383. For other Red Cross information, call 324-3575.



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A pint of blood is properly marked before being shipped to a storage site.

Hills officer nabs S'fld armed robbery suspect

A Farmington Hills patrolman is credited with apprehending a 28-year-old Southfield man suspected of armed robbery in Southfield after a brief chase during which shots were fired early Wednesday.

Officer Robert Burkart was "very perceptive and attentive to his duties," said Inspector Richard Niemisto of the Farmington Hills Police Department's operations bureau. "He showed tenacity and professionalism."

"He (Burkart) probably prevented an armed robbery from occurring at one of our gas stations," Niemisto said.

Southfield police broadcast information on the armed robbery of a Total gasoline station at Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile and a description of the suspect and his car just after 3:30 a.m. Wednesday at all police agencies in the area.

Burkart spotted a car — a white Mercury Marquis — matching the radioed description at a 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road Shell station about five minutes after the reported robbery.

When the man saw the Farmington Hills police car, he jumped back into his car and drove south on Orchard Lake Road and onto eastbound I-696.

BURKART FOLLOWED the car east on I-696 past the Telegraph exit where the driver got out of the car and attempted to run away.

Burkart fired shots at the suspect after ordering him several times to stop.

"Although shots were fired, no one else was in the

area and no one was hurt," Niemisto said. "An analysis of the case shows that the shots fired were within Supreme Court case and rules and regulations of the department."

After Burkart chased the suspect over an embankment on I-696, the man finally complied when the officer told him to stop. The man was then turned over to Southfield police.

The man faces one count of armed robbery and remains in the Oakland County Jail under \$100,000 cash bond. He faces preliminary examination Thursday in 4th District Court. A not-guilty plea to the charge was entered on his behalf at his arraignment Wednesday.

The robbery occurred shortly before 3:30 a.m. Wednesday. An attendant at the station gave the following account to police.

THE ATTENDANT returned to the station after taking out trash when a man drove in and asked if the station was open. The man followed the attendant inside, pulled out a small automatic pistol and demanded money from the register.

When the attendant opened the register, the robber grabbed all the bills, pumped into his car and headed north on Northwestern. The attendant got the license plate number and gave that and a description of the car to police.

Further investigation revealed that the car had been reported stolen in Ypsilanti.

Murphy recall supporter says Headlee took wrong stand

By Pat Murphy
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Despite a rebuff by Michigan's most notorious tax foe, the Oakland County Taxpayers Association will likely go ahead with its attempt to recall County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, according to a spokesman.

"Richard Headlee is a fine American. But in this case he is wrong," said Ray Dugan, a Troy resident and a member of the association.

Although he is not an officer, Dugan Friday said he could speak for the organization that insists Murphy should be recalled.

The chairman of the association, Dominick Vincenzini of Oxford, could not be reached Friday.

The association's recall effort suffered something of a setback earlier in the week when Richard H. Headlee, chairman of the Taxpayers

United for the Michigan Constitution, said he does not support the campaign.

In a Jan. 16 letter sent to The Observer & Excelsior Newspapers, Headlee said Murphy has been a good soldier in the war against taxes and shouldn't be recalled.

Headlee is author of the 1978 Headlee tax limitation amendment that is now part of the Michigan Constitution.

In the letter, Headlee said he too was concerned that Murphy and other county officials decided to sell bonds to finance the county's \$500 million solid waste program without first getting a vote of the people.

Selling the bonds without that vote would be circumventing the constitutional prohibition against raising taxes without voter approval. In the fall Headlee was so concerned about that he considered an "end run"

around the Headlee Amendment that he threatened to file suit, a threat that did not materialize.

"Even though we did not prevail entirely on this issue, we recognize that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and Dan Murphy have done a good job for many years in managing the affairs of this county," Headlee said in his letter.

"Murphy, in particular, has shown a great deal of courage on behalf of the taxpayers in suing the state for violations of the Headlee Amendment," the letter said.

Headlee said similar things about County Commissioner Donald W. Jensen, R-Birmingham, who was also targeted for recall. The recall against Jensen was not filed by the taxpayers' association, but by William McMaster, a Birmingham resident who is philosophically identified with the association.

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