

BLOOD CHIT PROGRAM

Blood Chit Policy, Procedures, and Guidance

1. Blood Chits, when presented and properly validated, represent an obligation of the United States Government to provide compensation for services rendered to isolated personnel.
2. The Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA) is the Office Of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for Blood Chit policy and for authorizing the production, distribution, and use of Blood Chits.
3. JPRA maintains a master control record for all Blood Chits issued to Command/Theater Blood Chit managers, who in-turn issue them to the units. Units order Blood Chits from their Command/Theater Blood Chit managers. Units maintain a record of the Blood Chit serial number and series issued to each individual. An individual may be assigned a specific Blood Chit for the duration of his/her assignment to a unit. To assure positive control, the unit must maintain an accurate list of which Blood Chit is assigned to each individual. If Blood Chits are pooled, a record must be kept each time they are issued. They should only be issued prior to combat missions and deployments to high threat areas, and should be collected immediately after completion of missions.

4. The Theater Blood Chit Program Managers are:

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5. All Theater Blood Chit managers must provide the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency/J3-S, an annual inventory in December of each year reflecting which components have been issued Blood Chits, by Chit numbers. Additional inventories will be conducted at organizations possessing Blood Chits whenever there is a change of program manager/custodians. Inventory results will be forwarded to the Theater Program Manager and from there to JPRA.

6. The loss or theft of Blood Chits is subject to appropriate investigation (by CID, NIS, OSI) as a controlled item. The report of loss or theft of a Blood Chit and a completed report of investigation with a determination/reason for the loss or theft will be forwarded to the Theater Program Manager and the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency as soon as possible. The report must specify the Blood Chit serial number, the Blood Chit series, the name of the individual to whom the Chit was issued, service number, and the unit of assignment. We cannot overemphasize the need for strict control of Blood Chits. All individuals participating in the Blood Chit program need to be reminded that Blood Chits are controlled items - Government Property. **They represent an obligation of the US Government, and they are not souvenirs.**
7. Program classification guidance:
 - a. The guidance for Blood Chit use is found in Joint Publication 3-50.3, classified appendix G. All aspects of the DoD Blood Chit program are unclassified until a Blood Chit is actually used to obtain assistance in a hostile environment. All details - who, what, where, when should be treated as Top Secret/Special Access Required. Level of classification is to protect those rendering assistance and potential future assistance for others.
 - b. Although Blood Chits are unclassified, they are controlled accountable items.
 - c. Inventories and reports of the loss or theft of Blood Chits are unclassified, unless other factors in connection with the inventory or the loss or theft require security classification.
 - d. Blood Chits must be returned to the Theater Program Manager at the conclusion of operational requirements. The Theater Program Manager will ensure proper accountability and return receipt is forwarded to the user.
 - e. The quantity and serial numbers that you are issued must be signed for and the receipt returned to the Theater Program Manager or JPRA, depending upon origin of issuance.
8. Individual responsibilities
 - a. Although use of the Blood Chit is at the discretion of the individual to whom it is issued, it should be used only after all other measures of

independent evasion and/or escape have failed. **Use only when assistance is considered vital to survival.** Unless the Chit is taken by force or threat, individuals should retain it.

- b. In accordance with guidance found in JP 3-50.3, Appendix G, after receiving assistance, the individual should provide the assistor with the Blood Chit **number** (either written or one cut from the chit; these Blood Chits are printed on "tyvek" material therefore, it will be difficult to tear off the corners - they must be cut off.) If the assistor requests, the evader can provide name, service number, and signature. The individual must tell the assistor (or, if verbal communication is not possible due to language barriers, point to the last lines of the statement on the Blood Chit) to give the information he has been provided to an official representative of the US government to receive his reward. Evaders must refrain from making monetary promises to individuals assisting them. Never lie or make a false promise. Upon the evaders safe return and debriefing, each case of assistance will be evaluated for degree of difficulty and risk, in order to determine a reward amount for adjudication.

9. Reporting

- a. The Theater Program Manager will ensure that, whenever an individual possessing a Blood Chit is isolated in hostile territory, the individual's name, rank, service number, organization, location where missing, date missing, and Blood Chit number is forwarded immediately to JPRA via SARIR. This information will help in processing potential future claims against the government on a particular Chit, and will provide basic record data on individuals who may subsequently become prisoners of war/captives.
- b. Any individual who has made use of his/her Blood Chit and has received assistance must report the circumstances of the incident upon return to US control. This information can be provided as part of a mission/evasion debriefing in accordance with existing procedures. A copy of the individual's debriefing, along with the Blood Chit, must be forwarded to JPRA, Attn: Blood Chit Manager, 10244 Burbeck Rd. Bldg 358, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-5805, as soon as practical. These operationally used Blood Chits will not be reissued, but will become part of JPRA's permanent case files. The organization(s) responsible for control of the chit will be simultaneously relieved of accountability for the particular Blood Chit.

10. Claims for Reward

- a. The Commander, JPRA, will establish payment limitations and will provide/appoint an individual in-theater as his representative to adjudicate all claims, in coordination with JPRA, as required. US government organizations to whom claims are presented will forward a report detailing the claim to the adjudicator, info JPRA, which will determine the amount/nature of the reward and provide funds to the organization to satisfy the claim.
11. Once the Theater CINC has determined there is no longer an operational requirement for the use of Blood Chits, all Chits will be returned to the Theater Program Manager who will ensure they are accounted for. The Theater Program Manager then has the option of storing the Blood Chits in-theater in anticipation of possible future operational requirements, or returning them to JPRA for storage, and subsequent reissue when required.

BLOOD CHIT LISTING

XM51-1 European Persian, Turkish, Italian, Finnish, Serbo-Croatian, German, French, Arabic, Greek, Swedish, Polish, And Russian.

XM51-2 Far East Japanese, Korean, Chinese, German, French, Russian, Burmese, Hindi, and Urdu.

XM51-3 USSR and Satellites Arabic, German, French, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Greek, Bulgarian, Russian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Turkish, and Romanian.

XM51-4 Russian and Satellites Arabic, German, Serbo-Croatian, Serbian, (Cyrillic), Greek, Bulgarian, Albanian, Hungarian, Turkish, and Romanian.

XM51-5 Zaire French, Swahili, Kinyarwanda

XM60-1 Latin America French, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch/Surinam, Quechua.

XM60-2 Haiti French, Creole.

XM70-1 Somalia Arabic, Somali, and Italian

XM80-1 Northeast Asia Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian

XM80-2 Indian Ocean Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi, Tamil, Punjabi, Singhalese, and Urdu.

XM80-3 Southeast Asia Lao, Vietnamese, Khmer, French, Thai, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Burmese, Malay, Western Timorese, Indonesian, Dutch, Javanese, Tagalog, Cebuano, and Ilocano.

XM80-4 Afghanistan Pashto, Formal Dari, Spoken Dari, Arabic, Uzbek, Persian Farsi, and Urdu.

BLDCHTXXIA Desert Shield Arabic, Turkish, Persian (Farsi), And Kurdish.

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