

Driving Success with Blood Donations

VFW Post 6445 supports those in need through mobile community blood drive

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VFW Post 6445 in Harlem, Georgia, held a blood drive in celebration of January's National Blood Donor Month.

The event was held at the Harlem Branch Library Jan. 25, in an RV from The Blood Connection, who the Post partnered with for the event.

"We are thrilled with the outcome of our mobile blood drive event," VFW Post 6445 Jr. Vice Commander Timothy Saari Jr. said.

This was the first blood drive the Post has held, and the event exceeded their expectations. They collected 23 units of blood, which will go to those who are undergoing surgery, treatment for cancer, other medical conditions and more.

The Post shared that the outcome of the event proved the importance of blood donations and how passionate the community is to help others in need.

"Our members and the Harlem community came together to make a real difference in the lives of others," Post Commander Erik Averill said. "We're proud to support this cause and look forward to continuing our community service efforts."

Post 6445 is dedicated to supporting veterans, military families and the local community through various outreach programs and this blood drive is just one way they have done so.

Post 6445 is planning to host another blood drive later this year and will hold a blood drive every January for National Blood Donor Month.

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