



**JOHN E. JACOBS LEGION POST 68 LELAND
MEDIA RELEASE**

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HELP FILL A SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as hospital requests exceed available supply, drawing down the blood supply by about 35% over the past month. The shortage is especially serious for platelets and Type O, A Negative, and B Negative blood. Your help is needed right now! If you donate between January 26 and February 28, 2026, you will receive a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant.

To help meet this need, the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68, in cooperation with WWAY TV3, will host a Blood Drive on Friday, January 30, 2026, in the WWAY Community Room, 1224 Magnolia Village Way, Leland, NC 28451, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Donors of all blood types are urgently needed to ensure patients continue to receive critical medical care.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter your zip code. Scroll down to WWAY, Friday, January 30, and click on "See Times" to select your desired appointment time. Scan the QR code below to complete your pre-donation questionnaire.



RAPIDPASS[®]

Complete your pre-donation and health history questionnaire from your mobile device using RapidPass[®].



Expedite your donation!

Use your mobile device or a donor tablet to scan the QR code and complete your RapidPass[®]. Be sure to screenshot or email your RapidPass[®] to yourself and have it ready to present to staff before exiting health history.

Please arrive at your appointment on time with a photo ID and be well-hydrated.

To learn more about how veterans can join the American Legion or what the Legion brings to our veterans and the community, visit <https://ncpost68.org/>. Post 68 meets at 6 pm every third Thursday in the Blossoms Restaurant Banquet Room (1800 Tommie Jacobs Drive, Leland, NC). For those who want to participate, members gather at 4:30 pm in Blossoms Restaurant for dinner and a social hour preceding the meeting.