

End of February Department Update



Marc Garduno

Commanders/QMs,

As we approach the final week of February, we are only 28 new, renewed or reinstated members shy of meeting our monthly goal. This past week, we moved into 10th place nation-wide in membership, right behind Hawaii and California who are both well within striking distance. I can see on the Department's online membership statistics that there are more than enough expired members from last month, or expiring by the end of this month, to easily meet our goal. If you could use help reaching out to some of your members by e-mail, please let me know and I'll do my best to contact them.

The annual Red, White & Blue Fundraising Gala is just two weeks away, however the last day for ticket sales is this Wednesday, Feb 26. Please follow the link to our Department website for access to eventbrite for online ticket purchases or to download the form to purchase your tickets by mail ([click here](#))

Tickets will not be available at the door, so be sure to submit your orders now. Cash Bonanza ticket sales are doing fairly well, but we need your help to roundup whatever tickets remain outstanding from leaders and your Post's members. Contact Sr. Vice Tom DiOrrio or Quartermaster Mark Newman to arrange turn in of raffle tickets.

Reminder - Scout of the Year Scholarship applications are due to Posts on March 1st. [Follow this link for the application and more information.](#)

Also, March 31st is the deadline for the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. [Follow this link for the application and more information.](#)

Thank you for your continued support of the VFW and the Department.

*Marc Garduno
State Commander
Dept. of Delaware, VFW*