

HUBMASTER REPORT - OCTOBER 2016

Purpose

The Hubmaster Report is published monthly to promote membership retention and member involvement through effective internal communication. Please help by ensuring distribution to each Post. Suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

From The Commander

Walter Ivie, Department Commander

“My motto this year is ‘*Proud To Be A Member*’. I believe Legion members should be proud to be a member of the organization that stands up for veterans. I hope you are ‘Proud to be a member’. With this attitude we can achieve our goals.”

2016-2017 Membership Year

Lloyd Buckmaster, Department Vice-Commander

“*The single easiest way to accomplish our membership goal is for each member to commit to recruiting just one new member this year. Please join with me in making that commitment.*” The following chart reflects our membership as of September 30th.

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>	
	<u>Division</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Goal</i>	15,778	16,944	21,908	10,375	65,005
<i>Current</i>	6,748	8,173	10,999	5,368	31,288
<i>% / Goal</i>	43%	48%	50%	48%	48%

Thirty-Three percent (33%) of our membership year is now in the history books and we are 1,818 members behind where we were at this time in 2015. One item that will really help us reach our goals is to submit transmittals on a no less than 30-day basis as required by our Constitution & By-Laws. Currently 90 of our 469 Posts (19%) have not filed a transmittal this year and 248 Posts (53%) did not file a transmittal in September. **Our next target date is 65% on November 2, 2016.**

Stuff You Need To Know & Share

- ✓ The online District Membership Reports have been modified and now reflect the dates of ‘*Last Transmittal*’ and ‘*Last Transaction*’. This clearly identifies the posts that are not transmitting as required so follow up action can be taken.
- ✓ The 2017 Oratorical assigned topics and full details are posted [here](#).
- ✓ The lifeline of Texas Boys State is **each of us!** Details of the 2017 program are already online [here](#). Registration start January 2, 2017
- ✓ Revisions to The Department of Texas Constitution & By-Laws were approved at the El Paso Convention. The revised version, dated July 16, 2016, is now on the Department website.

Is It Just Another Slogan?

“*Legion Programs Change Lives*” - Posts that are involved with Legion programs know this is not just another slogan! It is impossible to be involved with Boys State, Oratorical, Boy Scouts or the many more Legion programs and not recognize the impact our programs make on young citizens, our communities and our own lives.

Texas American Legion Press Association (TEXALPA)

The purpose of TEXALPA is to foster publications and advance the standards and practices of communication within The American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion, Department of Texas.

Membership in TEXALPA is open to persons closely allied with public relations, publications, and news services of The American Legion. For membership and details click [here](#)

A Good Idea!

Check the Department website txlegion.org often for current news and important articles that involve our membership, programs and general news. Items are posted in the center of the home page or go to the Latest News tab on the left side of the home page.

Reminder From the Department Judge Advocate

Bryan Coleman, Department Judge Advocate

Posts should familiarize themselves with the documents on the Department website where 990 compliance is addressed. Several years ago, the IRS gave all offending posts an opportunity to get in compliance and I communicated with every one of them. There were still *many* who failed to take advantage of the IRS warning and offer of immunity. It now cost approximately \$500, each, to get back in compliance. The forms are on the Department website. Use this [link](#) and go to Post Forms

Mylegion.org

All newly elected post adjutants and district commanders should already be registered and using mylegion.org. Details for registering are at that web address. It is highly recommended that post adjutants share their log in with the post commander and the post 1st vice-commander. It is also recommended that district commanders share their log in with the district vice commander and adjutant. There is only one login for each post and each district. Working together will result in unprecedented results.

October Dates To Remember

October 12 – Columbus Day. A day set aside to remember Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.

October 27 – Navy Day. Even though the birthday of the U.S. Continental Navy was October 13, 1775, Navy Day is celebrated in the United States on October 27. This date was selected, as it was the birth date of President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid supporter of the U.S. Navy. Let's remember to give some well-deserved attention to the sailors who have honorably served and are now serving our country. Salute!

October 26 – National Day of the Deployed. This day is set aside to honor all of the brave men and women who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families from which they are separated.

Quote of the Month

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities" Steven R Covey