

HUBMASTER REPORT - NOVEMBER 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

“Our expired members are also a source for new members. Asking them to join in person is the most effective way to renew our expired members. The Department of Texas is going to provide door hangers to support this effort. If you miss the member, the door hanger will let them know you cared enough to come ask for their membership.

[Mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org)

There are several new reports in mylegion.org to assist Posts in reaching their annual membership goals. Sign in and look on the left side for the heading “*Report Server*” and click on Post Reports and a page will open with all of the reports available to your Post. Pay particular attention to: “*HQ Transfer Invitations*” and “*Project Stay Active by Area*”

2017 Consolidated Post Report Form

The 2017 Consolidated Post Report (CPR), for reporting year 2016 – 2017, is now available online. It is being activated earlier so posts can use the myLegion.org version as a running database in order to better track the post’s activities throughout the year. A paper copy of the CPR will still be printed and distributed to all department headquarters for use, after January 1, 2017. If you choose to use the on-line method of reporting, do not submit a paper copy.

2016-2017 Membership Year

Lloyd Buckmaster, Department Vice-Commander

“Posts should be reminded that failure to conduct American Legions programs, failure to have monthly meetings, violation of the Constitution and By-Laws and other infractions could result in the suspension of a post charter. I encourage each post to participate in the various programs and to follow the Constitution and By-Laws.”

Membership Standings as of October 31, 2016

	<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	10,315	64,945
<i>Current</i>	7,916	9,007	12,167	5,576	34,666
<i>% / Goal</i>	50%	53%	56%	54%	53%

Forty-two percent (42%) of our membership year is now in the history books and we continue to trail where we were at this time in 2015. One item that will help reach your targets is to submit transmittals on a no less than 30-day basis as required by our Constitution & By-Laws. **Our next target date is 75% on December 2, 2016.**

Stuff You Need To Know & Share

- ✓ 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 starts January 2, 2017

From the Department Judge Advocate

Bryan Coleman, Department Judge Advocate

Sons of The American Legion Squadrons are reminded to include the Squadron Certification page, completely filled out and properly documented, when submitting their Constitution & By-Laws to Department. The Squadron Certification page is page nine on the template located on the Detachment website.

Training

Training is an important element of leadership and membership. The Department website, txlegion.org, has many courses available in video and Power Point. The American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI) has an online course available at legion.org/alei. It is a requirement of the Department Objectives that each District and Division conduct training at every Convention. The Department Adjutant, Department Judge Advocate and Training Committee Members are available to conduct training on Legion procedures, programs, and Post and District Officer Positions. To arrange training submit a written request to Department Headquarters requesting the training topic and instructor, the earlier you submit your request the better chance you will have of being able to conduct that training.

November Dates To Remember

November 1 – Oratorical Contest: The Department 2016-2017 Objectives detail a focus for each Post on Americanism Programs, including Oratorical. Your Division or District Oratorical Chairperson is a key source to provide assistance as needed.

November 4 – “The Legion Times”: Is posted at txlegion.org on the first Friday of each new month. Find the link at the top center of the home page. Posts are encouraged to submit articles. Details on how to submit an article is on the website.

November 8 – Election Day: All veterans served to protect the right to vote and now it is our duty to vote and help assist others in the voting process.

November 11 – Veterans Day: An official United States public holiday, that honors military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces.

November 10 – Happy 240th Birthday Marine Corps: Founded on November 10, 1775, and charged with fighting from the land and sea. Currently the Marines have about 194,000 active duty members throughout the world.

November 15 – Deadline for National Employer Awards: Details are in the Post Administrative Manual, pages 4-6.

November 24 – Thanksgiving Day: Department offices closed November 24 & 25. Best wishes to everyone for a fun time spent with family and friends while remembering all of which we must be thankful.

Quote of the Month

“Strength lies in differences, not in similarities” Steven R Covey