

HUBMASTER REPORT FEBRUARY 2016

Purpose

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

Stuff You Need To Know!

During the Mid-Winter Conference the Department Executive Committee voted to accept changes to the 2017 Awards Program as suggested by the Awards/Trophies Sub-Committee of the Membership, Organization & Post Activities Commission. The revised program will be printed in the 2016-2017 Post Administrative Manual. The qualifying statement will read as follows –
“Posts which have not submitted to Department Headquarters a Post Certification Form by July 1st of each year, a Consolidated Post Report by June 1st of each year and do not have an up to date Post Constitution & By-Laws by June 1st each year will not be eligible for any Post Awards. A Post Constitution & By-Laws is considered to be up to date if dated after July 31, 2010.”

Department Service Officers, Mike Lacy, Houston, and Allen Sharp, Waco, reminded of the importance of all veterans having their DD214 available and next of kin informed of where to find the document. If you cannot locate your DD214 you can request a replacement online at vetrecs.archive.gov or by fax or mail.

Membership Update

There is often confusion about The American Legion membership year. Membership cards are valid from the time of issue until December 31 of the calendar year printed on the card. After December 31st the member is considered delinquent. The next renewal notice will be mailed February 26, 2016

Membership Standings on February 1, vs. 90% February 3rd Target

	1 st Division	2 nd Division	3 rd Division	4 th Division	Total
Goal	15,537	16,669	21,524	10,132	63,862
Current	12,057	12,974	17,342	8,121	50,494
Percent	77.6	77.8	80.6	80.2	79.1

Membership Achievement Salutes!

To the 23 (4.9%) of 472 Posts that have already achieved their 100% Target

To the 87 (18.4%) of 472 Posts that have already achieved the 90% Target

To the four Districts with the highest percentage of Posts already over 90%

- *District 18 Commander, Don Sherman, 9/23 = 39%*
- *District 20 Commander, Robert Masten, 6/17 = 35%*
- *District 11 Commander, Steve Cook, 5/15 = 33%*
- *District 4 Commander, Terry Cloninger, 8/32 = 32%*

95% Membership Target Date is March 2, 2016

Welcome Aboard!

Allen Sharp has joined our team of State Service Officers in the Waco VA Regional office. Allen can be reached at allen.sharp@va.gov or 254-299-9960.

Congratulations

Shirley Rodgers, Adjutant at Rosenberg Post 271 is the recipient of this years Jimmy D. Lemley Memorial Award for the Outstanding Post Adjutant. Congratulations, Shirley!

February Reminders & Looking Forward

February - Post Adjutants to certify Delegates to their Spring District Convention
March 1, 2016, Eagle Scout of the Year Award deadline
March 15, 2016, Cut-off date for 2017 pre-printed cards.

Dates To Remember

February 3 – Four Chaplains Day. A day set aside to remember and honor the bravery of the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank during World War II.

February 15 – Presidents Day. A day originally set aside to honor George Washington. Now all presidents are honored on this day.

February 15 – State Oratorical Contest. To be held in Denton, Texas. Details are on the Department website.

March 2 – Texas Independence Day. Celebration of the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836, which officially declared independence from Mexico and created the Republic of Texas.

Did you know?

The Department of Texas has a museum located inside the Department of Texas Headquarters in Austin. Bill Moore, a member of Post 455 in Summerville, is the Museum Director and extends an invitation to visit the museum that is open during normal business hours at headquarters. The museum contains articles and uniforms for WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq as well as items from past conventions. If you have items to donate to the museum, they can be dropped off at the headquarters building, 1626 East Anderson Lane, Austin.

Is Your Post Included on the 100th Anniversary Website?

Ronnie Pietzsch, Chairman 100th Anniversary Committee, reports that only 37 of our 472 (7.8%) Posts in the State have recorded their history on the 100th Anniversary Celebration Website – centennial.legion.org. The American Legion Centennial Celebration is not only about honoring the past 100 years of our history, but also preparing to continue our legacy of service. All Posts are encouraged to join the celebration by submitting your rich history on the website.