

HUBMASTER REPORT MAY 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.

Department Convention Information

The 2016 Department Convention will be held in El Paso, TX, July 13-17 in the El Paso Convention Center. Complete information is on the Department website at <http://txlegion.org/conventions/department-convention/>.

Trainers & Mentors Needed

The Department Training Committee has the responsibility to support training throughout the State. Part of this initiative is the maintenance of a "Trainers & Mentors" list to assist with training in each area of responsibility and throughout the State. The Training Committee continues to invite all knowledgeable Legionnaires to contribute to this effort by volunteering your time and talent. To be included on this list notify your District Commander of your intention with your name, post number, phone number, email address and preferred subjects of expertise will be needed. Also needed is if you wish to be added to the Trainers List, the Mentors List or both.

National American Legion College

Applications for this week-long prestigious training program must be received in Department Headquarters no later than 20 June. Full instructions are on the Legion website at legion.org enter NALC in the search block.

Membership Update

National mailed the final renewal notice on 27 April 2016.

Membership Standings on 2 May, vs. 100% 4 May Target

	1st Division	2 nd Division	3 rd Division	4 th Division	Total
Goal	15,537	16,669	21,524	10,132	63,862
Current	13,278	14,190	18,804	8,792	55,064
Percent	85.5	85.1	87.4	86.8	86.2

Post Membership Achievement Salute!

The 76 (16.1%) of 472 Posts that have already achieved the 100% Target

District Membership Salute!

The 20th District with 10 (59%) of Posts achieving their 100% Target

Division Membership Salute!

The 4th Division with 22 (20%) of 112 Posts achieving their 100% Target

“Get Out The Vote”

The Legion's "Get Out the Vote" program encourages all Americans to register and vote in all elections. In addition, Legionnaires, posts, districts and departments are encouraged to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll volunteers, poll workers and by encouraging and assisting others to register and vote.

Registering voters in each community is a visible activity and an excellent opportunity to “*Spread The Word*” of your individual post activities and recruit new members.

May Deadlines

4 May – Membership 100% Target

Boys State Registration is now in the “wait list” phase. There is still room for delegates but their registrations must be received at Austin Hdqts. quickly. This great, “once in a life-time opportunity”, Legion program is well on its way to another record-breaking year. The unofficial slogan of the Boys State Committee is “That no deserving and qualified young man be left behind”

May Dates To Remember

May is National Military Appreciation Month

1 May – Loyalty Day – designated by Congress in 1958 to foster loyalty and love of our country

1 May – Silver Star Service Day – designated by Congress in 2011 for us to recommit to those who return to us wounded or ill for their heroic contributions

5 May – National Day of Prayer – set aside to invite people of all faiths to pray for our nation

6 May – Military Spouse Appreciation Day – to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of the U. S. Armed Forces

8 May – Victory in Europe Day – marks the anniversary of the Allies’ victory in Europe during WWII on 8 May 1945

8 May – Mothers Day –

21 May – Armed Forces Day – to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States armed forces.

30 May – Memorial Day – to commemorate and honor the lives, courage and legacy of service members who died in military service for the United States of America

*****IMPORTANT UP-COMING DEPARTMENT DEADLINES*****

Awards - There are several award entries and forms due to Department Headquarters by the 1 June deadline. Forms and rules for all awards can be found in the Post Administrative Manual or the Department website: txlegion.org

1 June – Consolidated Post Reports

13 June - Membership Cut-off

20 June – Constitution & By Laws to be considered at Department Convention

31 July – Certification of Officers