

HUBMASTER REPORT JUNE 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 supports training throughout the State. Part of this initiative is "Trainers & Mentors" who assist with training in each area of responsibility throughout the State. The Training Committee invites 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, your contact information and subjects of expertise.

National American Legion College

Applications for this weeklong 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 Standings on 31 May, vs. June 13 Final

	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division	4th Division	Total
Goal	15,537	16,669	21,524	10,117	63,862
Current	13,494	14,530	19,094	8,939	56,057
Percent	86.9	87.2	88.9	88.4	87.8

Division New Member Standings

	New Members	Goal	Percentage
1st Division	734	15,537	4.7
2nd Division	1,024	16,669	6.1
3rd Division	1,294	21,477	6.0
4th Division	703	10,117	7.0
Total	3,955	63,862	6.2

District New Member Leaders From Each Division

	New Members	Goal	Percentage
16th District	383	3,526	10.9
20th District	546	5,797	9.4
11th District	247	3,326	7.4
4th District	231	4,126	5.6

*****GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP IS VITAL TO CONTINUING OUR PROGRAMS. A GOOD TARGET PERCENTAGE OF NEW MEMBERS IS 15% OF GOAL AT EACH POST*****

A Thought Provoking Question

During a recent training session the question was asked..."when does a Post start with Boys State"...and it's a very good question. After some discussion the group came to the conclusion that in reality our Legion programs don't have a start and stop date. They are "year-round" programs. As an example, the 2016 National finals of The American Legion Oratorical Contest just finished. And right now is the prime time for each Post to start their awareness campaign for next year.

American Legion Baseball

Submitted by Jerome Iltis, State Baseball Chairman

Congratulations to the following Posts that are sponsoring American Legion Baseball teams:

League City Post 554

Castroville Post 460

Edinburg Post 101

Texarkana Post 25

New Boston Post 488

Carrollton Post 597

Mineral Wells Post 75

Our sincere thanks to these Posts for fulfilling our Legion purpose "to foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism". No doubt, serving these youth in the communities of Texas through Legion Baseball is a noble service, indeed! Baseball is a game of character, and the character built in the youth by Legion Baseball is unmatched by any other baseball program in the country.

Why Do We Have A Hubmaster System?

The purpose of the Hub Master system is to provide immediate and timely communications to all of our members across the state. Keeping our membership informed promotes member retention and involvement. However, a recent review of our Post Certifications reveals that 130 (28%) of our 472 Posts did not report a Hubmaster for their Post.

June Dates To Remember

6 June - 72nd Anniversary of D-Day. The invasion of Normandy involved more than 5,000 ships, 13,000 aircraft and 160,000 allied troops resulting in 9,000 Allied Soldiers killed or wounded.

14 June - Flag Day. President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing National Flag Day. On this day the symbol of the greatest nation is celebrated; commemorating the day it was adopted as our flag and honoring all for which it stands.

14 June - Happy 241st Birthday US Army.

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

13 June - Membership Cut-off

20 June - Deadline for revised or updated Post Constitution & By Laws must arrive in Austin to be considered at Department Convention

20 June - Deadline for National Legion College applications to be received

24 June - Deadline for preregistrations for the State Convention to be received

31 July - Deadline for Certification of Post Officers to be received