

HUBMASTER REPORT JULY 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.

97th 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/>. The only hotel left for the Legion Discount is the Holiday Inn Express - **cutoff date is 1 July**.

If You Snooze...You Lose

Submitted by David Crozier, Convention Public Relations Chair

Tickets to the El Paso Chihuahuas baseball game on Thursday, 14 July are only \$10 each and you get \$2.00 in coupons back to use at the concessions or gift shop. Plus - since it is *Thrifty Thursday* there will be many specials for food and beverages.

Come cheer State Commander, McKinny, as he throws out the first pitch and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship with the Legion Family. Wear your Legion Uniform cap until after the 4th inning when our entire group will be recognized.

If you want to join in this fun event you must contact David Crozier immediately at davidcrozier@gmail.com so he can purchase the tickets. Tickets are going fast!

Who Am I?

I required 5,857 nights of lodging and consumed 16,257 meals. Need another hint? I had a record setting 1,036 delegates in attendance and over 110 staff committed to my successful execution. So, who am I? *I am 2016 Texas Boys State* and yes those are my real numbers. One piece of data of which we cannot be totally proud is that only 47% of our 472 post participated in this *once in a lifetime opportunity* for Texas High School Juniors. Is your post one of the 47%? If so you can be very proud of your involvement and are encouraged to continue supporting this excellent program. While we are together during the State Convention it would be a good time to show your appreciation to the dedicated members of Texas Boys State Committee.

Right Hand Salute To The 2015-2016 Top Membership Performer

Based on final report, 30 days before convention

Post 336, San Antonio with the greatest number of new members - 203

Post 561, Brazoria with the highest percentage over goal – 152.4%

Post 58, El Paso with the highest number of TX345 Transfers - 74

20th District – the District with the greatest number of new members – 560

20th District – the District with the greatest number of TX345 Transfers – 188

20th District – the District with the highest percentage of Post over 100% - 59%

Posts - that achieved 100% of your assigned goal for the year – 93

Congratulations to these outstanding achievers...you are commendable!

2016-2017 Membership Year

Our new membership year has begun! Yes! It's that time already. It has been proven that the easiest way to accomplish your assigned Post goal is to start early. Encourage members to renew online at legion.org/renew, plan your recruiting events and contact current members to thank them for their continued membership as well as their honorable military service to America.

The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

Submitted by Jerome Iltis, State Baseball Chairman

Full details on this scholarship can be attained at the following link:

<http://www.legion.org/baseball/232785/2016-legion-baseball-scholarship-application-online>

Please inform players and parents of this financial opportunity. Applications must be at Department Headquarters by 15 July.

“We Really Need To Support Our Post Hubmasters”

Submitted by Ken Cox, 12th District Hubmaster

It is critical we not forget that unless we make the effort to let our members know what is going on, we cannot expect them to enthusiastically support the projects and goals of the organization. Most of our members attend only local meetings, if at all, so they get little information about what is going on state wide and probably not much more about what is going on in their district or post neighborhood.

Every post is supposed to have a Hubmaster to maintain the email list for their membership to pass on department and national information. Notices are passed from the Department Hubmaster to the District (and Division) Hubmasters to forward pertinent items to the post Hubmasters to distribute to the members.

I believe the Legion must be an all-inclusive organization and on our district level I include key ALA, SAL and ALR contacts in the hopes that everyone will be included. I try to hold the distribution to one a week with additional information similar to a newsletter.

We have some very talented folks that are making some great webpage's and active Facebook sites.

July Dates To Remember

4 July – Independence Day: Happy 241st Birthday, America. Today we commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on, July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress declaring that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation and no longer part of the British Empire.

“The American Revolution was a beginning, not a consummation” Woodrow Wilson

*****Important Up-Coming Deadline*****

31 July – Deadline for Certification of Post Officers to be received at Headquarters

“Good Bye and Go With God”

This is the final Hubmaster Report for the 2015-2016 year. It has been my pleasure, and I thank Commander McKinny for the appointment to serve in this capacity. A final report will be given to the Convention and posted on the Department website. Many thanks to all who have contributed with articles, suggestions and ideas...they are all greatly appreciated. I wish each of you good health. *Fred Rogers*