

## HUBMASTER REPORT - SEPTMEBER 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.

### 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention – Highlights

The convention convened in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 26 and adjourned on September 1. Charles Schmidt, Burns, OR Post 164, was elected 2016-2017 National Commander. His slogan during his term is *“Carry the Legacy Forward”*.

During the post NEC meeting Harvey Klee was appointed National Chaplain while Butch Sparks and Kenneth Mueller assumed their terms as National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman. We all can be very proud of the Color Guard from Houston Post 472 as they led the parade on Sunday and served the convention by presenting the Colors. Full details of the convention are online at <http://www.legion.org/commander>.

### 2016-2017 Membership Year

*Lloyd Buckmaster, Department Vice-Commander*

*“The single easiest way to accomplish our membership goal is for each member to commit to recruiting just one new member this year. Please join with me in making that commitment.”* The following chart reflects our membership as of September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
	Division	Division	Division	Division	
Goal	15,793	16,944	21,908	10,375	65,020
Current	5,994	7,425	9,359	3,940	26,718
% / Goal	38%	44%	43%	38%	41%

It is notable that 93 of our 469 posts (20%) have not submitted a membership transmittal this year. We are already two months into the new membership year and posts are reminded that our Constitution & By-Laws require transmitting membership on a no less than a 30-day basis.

### Stuff You Need To Know & Share

- ✓ The Legion Annual Report is available online at <http://www.legion.org/publications>
- ✓ Two great resources for American Legion information are – The Department of Texas website at - [txlegion.org](http://txlegion.org) the National website at – [legion.org](http://legion.org).
- ✓ The online District Membership Reports have been modified and now reflect the dates of ‘Last Transmittal’ and ‘Last Transaction’. This clearly identifies the posts that are not transmitting as required so follow up action can be taken.
- ✓ Has your post shared their history on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration website at [centennial.legion.org](http://centennial.legion.org)? Our Centennial is not only about honoring the past 100 years of our history but also preparing to continue the legacy of our service.
- ✓ The 2017 Oratorical assigned topics are now posted [here](#)
- ✓ The lifeline of Texas Boys State is **each of us!** Full details of the 2017 programs are already online [here](#). Registration start January 2, 2017

## Important Legislative News

*Submitted by – Bill Cork*

Notice: House of Representatives, John Zerwas, Higher Education Committee Chair will hold a public hearing to study the long-term effect of the Hazlewood Act on Tuesday September 13, 2016, at 0900 hours at E1.030 in the Capitol

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, and show support for the Hazlewood Act as it stands. Without visible grassroots Veteran support, the Hazlewood Act, faces stiff opposition during the upcoming Texas Legislature.

### American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI)

An excellent way to learn more about The American Legion history and programs is thru the online course of the American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI). The course can be accessed [here](#), cost \$4.95 and takes about 3 hours to complete. The course was updated in April 2012, and all previous graduates are encouraged to retake the course and earn the new distinctive hatpin and certificate. The course is also offered in a seminar setting by local certified instructors, your District Commander has full details.

### Did You Know?

The first Friday of each month the Department Public Relations Committee publishes a newsletter full of interesting articles? Accessing the newsletter is easy – go [here](#) and look for the link on the home page. Posts are encouraged to submit articles.

### Mylegion.org

All newly elected post adjutants and district commanders should already be registered and using [mylegion.org](#). Details for registering are at that web address. It is highly recommended that post adjutants share their log in with the post commander and the post 1<sup>st</sup> vice-commander. It is also recommended that district commanders share their log in with the district vice commander and adjutant. There is only one login for each post and each district. Working together will result in unprecedented results.

### September Dates To Remember

**September** is National Disaster Preparedness Month. This [link](#) explains how your Post can be involved.

**9/2** – Victory over Japan Day. Also known as V-J Day is observed in commemoration of Japan surrendering in WWII ending the deadliest and most destructive war in our generation.

**9/5** – Labor Day Department Headquarters Office closed

**9/11** – Patriot Day – fifteenth anniversary of the 2,977 soles killed in the 2001 attacks.

**9/16** – American Legion Day – on this day in 1919 The American Legion was granted their federal charter by Congress. This is an excellent time to consider community awareness activity to help others recognize your post's service.

**9/18** – Happy 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday US Air Force & Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

**9/23-25** – The Fall Department Executive Committee meetings will be held at the Omni Southpark Hotel, Austin, TX

**9/25** – Gold Star Mother's Day – observed to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

### Quote of the Month

*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others “ Mahatma Gandhi*