

HUBMASTER REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2015

Purpose

The Hubmaster Report is published at the beginning of each month to help keep our membership informed of important future events. Your help by distributing to each Post in the District you serve is greatly appreciated.

2015-2016 Department Objectives

The *2015-2016 Department Objectives* have been approved by the Department Executive Committee and are now “*actionable and reportable*”. Working together as a team on common objectives is a proven way to a successful year. This document is on the Department website <http://www.txlegion.org> > Form & Publications > Department Manuals

Membership Update

Membership standings for Posts, Districts and Divisions are published at the close of each business day at <http://www.txlegion.org> > Membership > Current Reports. It is important for all Posts to submit membership transmittals in a timely manner. Our Department Constitution & By Laws states...*“all funds collected for the Department and the National Headquarters shall be forwarded to the Department Headquarters within 30 days of receipt”*. Article V, Section 3.

Membership Standings on August 28 vs. 50% Target

	1st Division	2 nd Division	3 rd Division	4 th Division	Total
Goal	15,534	16,677	21,524	10,154	63,889
Current	6,204	7,524	10,111	4,475	28,314
Percent	39.9	45.1	47.0	44.1	44.3

Districts That Have Achieved the 50% Target

District 14 – led by Ricardo Hankerson at 51.9%
District 22 – led by Juan Torres Jr. at 50.2%
District 20 – led by Robert Masten at 50.0%

Next Membership Target Date

Our next membership target is *55% by October 7, 2015*. Transmittals should be mailed to Austin Headquarters by October 3, to be received in time.

Online Membership Renewal

A fast, easy and secure way to renew memberships is online at: legion.org/renew
All you need is your 9-digit membership number and a credit card.

Fall Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

Will be held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade starting Thursday September 17. Registration fee is waived. On Saturday starting at 0800 hours your Department Training Committee will be presenting 4 hours of fresh and interesting topics. Register online for this training at txlegion.org > Fall DEC

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 at legion.org/alei, cost \$4.95 and takes about 3 hours to complete. The course was revised and updated in April 2012, and all previous graduates are encouraged to retake the course and earn the new distinctive hatpin and certificate that is awarded to all graduates.

“The Legion Times”

Did you know that on the first Friday of each month the Department Public Relations Committee publishes a newsletter full of interesting articles? Accessing the newsletter is easy – just go to txlegion.org and look for the link on the left side of the home page. Posts are always welcome and encouraged to submit articles. Full details on how to submit an article is on the above website

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 1st Vice Commander. It is also recommended that District Commanders share their log in with the District Vice Commander and Adjutant. There is only one log for each Post and each District

Oratorical Competition

The Department Oratorical Competition is fast approaching. Information packets will be mailed to all certified Posts Oratorical Chairpersons and all Texas High Schools. Local contests will begin after November 1, 2015, District contests will be held throughout January and the Department contest will be held on February 15, 2016 in Denton Texas. Full details on the Oratorical competition can be found at legion.org/oratorical

Word From Headquarters

We have been informed that “*very few*” Posts have filed the necessary forms listing the Post Chairperson for The American Legion Americanism programs. These forms are located at txlegion.org > Forms & Publications > Post Forms. There is a separate form for each program and if it is not on file at Headquarters your Post Chairperson will not receive the program mailings. Forms can be mailed to Headquarters or emailed to Mamie Hughes at: mamieh@txlegion.org.

Days of Observance

September 2 – Victory over Japan Day. Also know as V-J Day or V-P Day. Observed in commemoration of Japan surrendering in WWII, ending the deadliest and most destructive war in our history.

September 11 – Patriot Day. Observed in memory of the 2,977 soles killed in the 2001 September 11 attacks.