

HUBMASTER REPORT JUNE 2017

Purpose

The Hubmaster Report is published monthly to promote membership retention and member involvement through effective communication.

American Legion Baseball

College coaches and pro scouts will tell you that American Legion Baseball remains the best baseball program in the country, with the primary purpose to build character in young men. Salute!...to the following Texas posts that are sponsoring teams for 2017.

Senior Teams: Alpine Post 79 League City Post 554 Texarkana Post 25

Junior Teams: Bedford Post 379 Texarkana Post 25

Legion Day at Texas Boys State

Legion Day at Texas Boys State will begin at 1300 hours on Thursday 15 June and conclude at 1330 hours on Friday 16 June. This event has grown in popularity over the past few years and once you attend you will understand why!

One of the highlights on Thursday night will be the presentation by General Ramirez, Commandant of the Cadet Corp at Texas A&M University...you don't want to miss his powerful, provoking and challenging message to the Statesmen.

Activities on Friday include Flag raising ceremony, Band Concert & Olympiad

National American Legion College

Applications for this week-long prestigious training program must be received at Department Headquarters no later than 15 June. Instructions and application are on the [Legion website](#).

Department Convention

The 99th Department of Texas Convention will convene in Killeen, Texas on Wednesday 12 July thru Sunday 16 July. Full details are on the Department website [txlegion.org](#) and click on Conventions on the left side of the home page.

Membership Standings on May 31

	1st Division	2 nd Division	3 rd Division	4 th Division	Total
Goal	15,808	16,959	21,908	10,315	64,990
Current	13,264	14,167	18,485	8,531	54,447
Percent	83.9%	83.5%	84.4%	82.7%	83.8%

Post Membership Salutes

Post 100 Royce City: Highest percent over goal - 166.7%

The 66 Posts: (14%) of 472 posts that have achieved 100% target

District Membership Salutes

22nd District: 98.6% of goal – they only need 53 more to achieve 100%

20th District: highest percentage (47%) of posts achieving their 100% target

4th District: largest number of posts (9) achieving their 100% target

Division Membership Salut

3rd Division: highest percentage (84.4%) of combined membership goal

Did You Know?

- ✓ The current membership of the 4 divisions combined is 1,610 members behind where we were at this same time in 2016? A Post membership decline of 3.4%. And in 2016 we were behind 2015 by 1,822 members, a decline of 3.4%. In just 2 years we have lost almost 7% of our membership.
- ✓ Practically everything you need for a guide, or pamphlet to manage and grow a post effectively is located on the National web site...look at this handy [resource](#).
- ✓ It is mandatory for posts to certify to Department Headquarters within 10 days of their election the names of Post Officers elected each year.
- ✓ Over 1.67 million veterans live in Texas? 605,000 served during the Vietnam War Era. 450,000 served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Many do not know that help is available to them for filing claims, securing jobs, finding benefits for which they are entitled including education. The Texas Veterans Commission consists of over 200 skilled counselors of whom over 80% are veterans. Information on programs and office locations is available through their web site – www.tvc.texas.gov.
- ✓ As a National American Legion Press Association member, you will have access to National Headquarters communication resources and member-only content. You will be connected to a time-honored and respected communications team that values and rewards those who spread the word about The American Legion in communities around the world. This [LINK](#) will take you to the application. Annual membership is \$5.
- ✓ Post Certification Form is located on the Department web site, txlegion.org, and is due at Department Headquarters within *15 days of Post Elections*. Posts will not receive 2018 Membership Cards, Administrative Manual, brochures, pamphlets from National or other information until this document is received at Headquarters.

June & July Deadlines

June 15 – National American Legion College Application – the application is [HERE](#) and must be forwarded to Department Headquarters (this deadline has been extended)

June 12 – Membership Cut-Off – all memberships must be in Department Headquarters to count towards voting strength and awards.

June 12 – Pre-registration deadline for State Convention

July 15 – American Legion Baseball Scholarship application due at Department Headquarters.

June & July Dates To Remember

June – PTSD Awareness Month – This is a great time to connect with younger veterans and let them know how The American Legion can help. Check out this [LINK](#)

June 14 – 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.

June 14 – Happy 242nd Birthday U.S. Army

July 4 – Independence Day: Happy 241st Birthday America! To 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 a part of the British Empire.

Quote of the month – “I attack ideas. I don’t attack people. Some very good people have some very bad ideas”. *Justice Antonin Scalia*