

HUBMASTER REPORT JULY 2017

Purpose

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

99th Department Convention Information

The 2017 Department Convention will be held in Killeen, TX, July 12-16 in the Killeen Convention Center located 3601 South W.S. Young Drive in Killeen. Complete information is on the Department website or [HERE](#).

Notable Membership Achievements – 2016-2017

Based on final report, 30 days before convention

Posts - that achieved 100% of assigned goal for the year – 74

Post 336, San Antonio with the greatest number of new members - 184

Post 671, Borger with the highest percentage over goal – 154%

Post 490, South Houston with the highest number of TX345 Transfers - 252

20th District – the District with the greatest number of new members – 548

22th District – the District with the greatest number of TX345 Transfers – 264

20th District – the District with the highest percentage of Post over 100% - 47%

4th District – the District with the highest number of Post over 100% - 10

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

2017-2018 Membership Year

Our new membership year has begun! Yes! It's that time already. It is a fact that planning for a successful membership year is critical. Simply committing your planned actions to paper and then following your plan will almost assure you will meet your goals. Encourage members to renew online at legion.org/renew, plan your recruiting events, plan who will contact expired members and who will contact current members to thank them for their continued membership as well as their honorable military service.

The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

In 2016, The American Legion awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to deserving players. Each Department Baseball Committee may select a player from their Department to receive this scholarship. The American Legion will award several scholarships this year depending on the number of applicants and interest earned from the trust fund. This [link](#) will take you to the application. Please inform players and parents of this financial opportunity. Applications must be at Department Headquarters by 15 July 2017

“Take Me Out To The Ballgame”

The 2017 Texas State Baseball Tournament will take place in Brenham, TX. July 25-30. The first game will be July 26 at the Fireman's Field. A banquet will be held for the Division winners at Brenham American Legion Post 48 on Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00 pm. A playoff schedule will be distributed as soon as it is available from the Tournament Director, Ed Magers. Please mark it on your calendars. We need to have a good turnout in support of the program and its players and coaches

Texas Boys State – 2017

The 77th Texas Boys State was held June 11 – 16 and is in the record books as the largest session ever held in Texas. 1,100 statesmen registered on Sunday afternoon and according to many of the staff it was also, *“The Best Boys State Ever”*. Texas Boys State Chairman, Paul Barker when asked why, replied it was the enthusiasm of the participants as they arrived and their willingness to be involved in the program.

Did You Know?

Oratorical program. Erin Connor of Bridport, Vt., who participated in The American Legion’s National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis in 2011 and 2013, was crowned Miss Vermont in April. She will participate in the Miss America competition this September.

Erin is one of three Connor sisters who participated in the Oratorical program at the national level – her sister Brooke earned a third-place finish in the 2010 competition. A banner hangs inside Middlebury Union High School announcing that the three graduated Connor sisters are state champions of the Department of Vermont’s Oratorical Contest.

Child Welfare Foundation. The Sons of The American Legion have donated nearly \$500,000 to the Legion’s Child Welfare Foundation during the 2016-2017 membership year. CWF grant applications are now available online at www.cwf-inc.org; applications must be postmarked to National Headquarters by July 15. CWF accepts funding proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children.

PUFL. Since January 2014, nearly 45,000 Legionnaires have become Paid Up For Life (PUFL) members. Learn more about PUFL membership at www.legion.org/join/pufl.

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

Quote of the month – “An important part of what all veteran-serving organizations and military-serving organizations need to do is to connect to the community to help tell the veterans story” – General Peter Chiarelli, U.S. Army

“A Final Word”

This is the final Hubmaster Report for the 2016-2017 year. It has been my pleasure, and I thank Commander Ivie for the appointment to serve in this capacity. 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*