

Hubmaster Report for August 2014

1. **Membership Goals:** Membership efforts for 2014-2015 have begun and Target goals are provided below: The Target dates are set as the First Wednesday of the month and membership must be in the Department Headquarters to count.

September 3, 2014	50%
October 1, 2014	55%
November 5, 2014	65%
December 3, 2014	75%
January 7, 2015	85%
February 4, 2015	90%
March 5, 2015	95%
April 1, 2015	98%
May 6, 2015	100%

2. **Department Service Officer Employment Opportunity:** Posted on August 11th, 2014: The American Legion, Department of Texas has an opening for a Department Service Officer in our Waco office. More information about the position and requirements for applying can be found on the Employment Opportunities page.

3. **Department Training:** As everyone knows training is the lifeblood of any organization. There are study courses for The American Legion as well as specialized training available. It is recommended that every District and Division conduct training at every Convention. The Department Adjutant, the Director of Internal Affairs, the Department Judge Advocate, other Department Officers, Training Committee Members and other Legionnaires are available to conduct training on Legion procedures, programs, or whatever is needed. If you would like to conduct training at your Fall or Spring Convention submit a written request to Department Headquarters requesting the training topic and instructor, remember the earlier you submit your request the better chance you will have of being able to conduct that training.

4. **Fall D.E.C.:** September 24 – 28, 2014

Omni Austin Southpark Hotel
4140 Governor's Row
Austin, TX. 78744

(512) 448-2222

Schedule and Agenda is available on the Department Website. Send me an e-mail if you do not have access to the Department Website, legionposts163@aol.com or call 817-223-8926.

5. American Legion Extension Institute: The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. To register and take the course, visit www.legion.org/alei (*Due to high traffic volume, you may experience some delays. If you experience delays, please try again later.*) The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The sections closely follow the Legion's Four Pillars of service. They include:

- History & Organization
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

Upon completion, a participant must pass a final online exam to receive a digital certificate of recognition; a lapel/cap pin will also be delivered to those who successfully complete the course. The names of those who have passed will be recorded and indexed at The American Legion National Headquarters. Graduates will have the option to click a box upon completion to recognize their accomplishment on The American Legion national website: www.legion.org.

The online course is \$4.95 for members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. The registration fee is \$9.95 for non-members. Payment can be accepted securely and conveniently on the course registration page.

We will be holding ALEI Training at the following locations for those that wish to attend and take the course without going online, the registration fee is \$5.00 and must be paid at the door.

6. ALL NEW OFFICERS AND APPOINTED HUBMASTERS PLEASE SEND ME YOUR CHANGES ASAP. I ALSO NEED TO HEAR FROM THOSE THAT NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CURRENT LISTING.

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