

Hubmaster Report for December 2014

"Our Mission"

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

1. **Membership Goals:** The Target dates are set as the First Wednesday of the month and membership must be in the Department Headquarters to count. This means you must have your transmittals to Department by that Monday. For January 7th please mail or send your transmittal by the Friday before. Remaining monthly target dates:

January 7, 2015	85%
February 4, 2015	90%
March 5, 2015	95%
April 1, 2015	98%
May 6, 2015	100%

2. **Membership Stats for Department of Texas:** Keep the course and those transmittals coming. January 7th will be here before you know it. As of this morning...

Division 4	Roger M. Folmar	74.03 %
Division 3	Lloyd O. Buckmaster	72.96 %
Division 2	John Hince	70.06 %
Division 1	Thomas H. Kelly	69.79 %

Department Total: 73.07
Post 345 = 5683

3. **Frequently asked questions:** When does my membership expire?

Your membership actually expires on December 31st of the paid year shown on your card. It can be a little confusing sometimes because your annual dues are supposed to be paid by January 1st each year so National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the new year by January 1st, when it begins.

4. **Hubmaster:** Each American Legion Post in the Department of Texas must have a Hubmaster to ensure the Commander, officers and membership stay informed and also provides a method to request information or share concerns to the District, Division Commanders or directly to the

Hubmaster network for further distribution to our leadership. Call Hubmaster, Ron Chandler at 817-223-8926 or send e-mail to legionpost163@aol.com.

5. Mylegion.org: Each Post should encourage your membership to sign up for mylegion.org and pay your dues online. myLegion.org is a **FREE** website designed to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and American Legion leadership, sign on then follow the instructions as a **member**. Each Post Adjutant should also sign up (as adjutant) so you can review your on-line renewals, to ensure your Post's data is up to date and help your members, and other tools that are very good to have to help you manage your membership.

6. Paid Up for Life: A great discount is still in effect. We congratulate those American Legion Post members that have joined the ranks of Paid Up for Life (PUFL) members and encourage you to consider becoming a Paid Up For Life member. This will mean you will never have to pay dues again and will not be subject to membership dues increases in the future and you will continue to support American Legion programs for many years to come. Please see your Adjutant for help with the PUFL program or you can send me an e-mail at legionpost163@aol.com and I can help or call me at 817-223-8926.

7. TEXALPA: If you would like to be a member of TEXALPA, please fill out the [application](#) and submit. Membership dues in TEXALPA are only \$5.00 per year. Go to The Department of Texas Website, under **Affiliated Org.** select **TEXALPA**.

*I will try to feature at least one article or promotion for the American Legion, Department of Texas, Division or District each month. If you would like a question answered or have a concern send me an e-mail, write a letter or call and I will attempt to include your request in the monthly **Hubmaster Report**.*

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