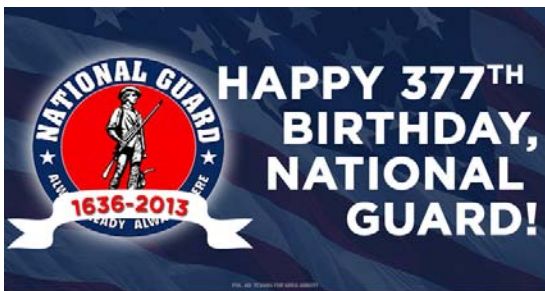


Hubmaster Report for December 2013

1. **Post Membership Goals:** The membership countdown for January 1, 2014 target goal for 85% is getting fast approaching. It will soon be 2014 and a renewed effort is needed for the Department of Texas to reach our final goal. Target goals coming up next year: **5 Feb-90%, 5 Mar-95%, 2 Apr-98%, 7 May-100%. Don't forget those challenges made for membership, this goes for District and Division Commanders and a few others.**

You know who you are...

2. **Another renewed focus for 2014 will be TRAINING. Don't forget why we are conducting training.**
 - a. Some good indicators that the Department's training efforts are working is the rise in membership in 2013 (4th in the Nation) after several years of decline. Increased participation in Legion programs such as Baseball and Boys State.
 - b. So to bluntly answer why training is important. **You** are important and we want you to have all the tools possible to excel and be the best Legionnaire you can be. If all our members are the best they can be, The Department of Texas will shine.
 - c. Information provided by Fred Rogers, ALEI Chairman. Check out the Department Website and sign up for training near you.
 - d. The Department of Texas now has eight certified instructors that will be used to conduct this off-line course at locations scheduled through your Division and District Commanders. The off-line course is free but if you wish a pin along with the completion certificate it will cost you \$4.95. The Auxiliary can get the same training and certificate but the pin will cost \$9.95.
3. The Legion Times is posted and here is the link:
http://www.txlegion.org/files/times/legion_times1013.pdf



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5. **The 2014 Midwinter information is posted on the Department Website under Midwinter or they can use the link: <http://txlegion.org/conventions/mid-winter/>**
6. **Mid-Winter TCA Chaplains' Workshop Friday, January 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Conference Center Omni Hotel, Austin.**

Make you plans now to attend the TCA Chaplains' Workshop designed for experienced Chaplains, those new to the Office and those interested in becoming Chaplains in The American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

a. Agenda:

- Short business meeting to approve the minutes of the last TCA meeting, receive financial report, elect new officers and directors and hear any other business that might come before the meeting.
- Workshop Discussion Topic: The Chaplain as a Corporate Office
- Workshop Discussion Topic: God and Country in a Non-Secular World
- Open Forum re issues, concerns, resources, and general discussion on matters helpful in assisting new and experienced Chaplains.

If you have any recommendations for the A.L. Department of TX hubmaster that would be helpful to you please let us know at legionpost163@aol.com or call me at 817-223-8926 or notify the Dept Adjutant. Please let me know of any changes that need to be made to this distribution list.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Safe Happy New Year.

SEE YOU AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

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