

Hubmaster Report for January 2015

"Let's Lead The Way"

We hear this phrase often from our Leadership and as members of the World's largest Veterans Service Organization we must live it daily. I know we are all volunteers but to obtain our goals to grow membership so we can continue to support our Veterans and continue the fight for our Veteran's benefits it is more than a once-in-a while effort.

Again, 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. I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter Conference this week-end.

- 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:

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. Percent of Goal as of January 15th...

Division 4	Roger M. Folmar	80.2 %
Division 3	Lloyd O. Buckmaster	79.5 %
Division 2	John Hince	77.0 %
Division 1	Thomas H. Kelly	76.4 %

Department Total: 80.08
Post 345 = 6398

It is not too late to sign up for one or more of the Department training sessions being held this Saturday during the Mid-Winter Conference. You can sign up there if you did not get on line.

- 3. 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.

4. 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**. **Communication is the key to Leadership.**

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. 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.

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