

## Hubmaster Report for July 2015

**This my last Hubmaster Report so from here on Fred Rogers, Past Department Vice Commander will be your new Hubmaster. Please give Fred you support as you have me.**

1. Membership Goals: Membership for 2015 is mostly passed with a few that are trying to ensue those that still wish to stay current for 2015 are paid up. Membership goals for 2016 have been sent out and if you wish to have your District or Post the following link will get you there on the Department Website: <http://txlegion.org/Files/Mem%20Goals%202016.pdf>
2. American Legion Members, you should have started receiving your renewal request for the 2016 membership year which began July 1, 2015. If not you may need to ensure your Post Officer Certification has been received by Department. You may renew by mail as in the past... but, this year, why not consider On-line renewal, *with automatic renewal*, by clicking on the following link; <http://www.legion.org/renew>

A viable credit card and your Legion membership I.D. number is all you need. Check it out! While there... consider the Paid Up For Life Option ... you'll be glad you did!!! See following information. Not an on-line person? ..... call **(800) 433-3318**.

4. Election of the 2015 – 2016 Department Officers

### **Posted on July 12th, 2015**

Congratulation to John McKinny on being elected as State Commander for 2015 – 2016.

The other 2015 – 2016 Elected Officers are John Hince, Vice Commander; Susan Marty, Historian; Steve Watkins, Judge Advocate; Walter Ivie, Treasurer; Sergeant at Arms Ed Kegley and JT Forbus, Asst. Sergeant at Arms. Harvey Klee was appoint Chaplain by State Cdr McKinny

5. Events for August 2015

National Membership Workshop: Aug 7th – 9th  
District Commanders School: Aug 14-16th  
National Convention – Baltimore, MD Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

6. **TEXALPA**: 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.**

## **7. Veterans Service Officers: Worth repeating**

Many posts have found it very helpful to get to know and work with your local Veterans Service Officer. This person does not work for the VA but usually you County (County Seat). We have found our Veterans Service office extremely helpful in all types of help our local Veterans that either have not registered with the VA, have a claim not moving or need to have corrections to documents impacting their benefits. The below contacts are also available to you free of charge should you need help outside of your local Veterans Service Officer.

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