

## Hubmaster Report for June 2015

1. **Membership Goals:** The last Target Goal month has passed. Division and Department data for pre-Department Convention is below. You need to be getting ready for membership year 2016. Ensure your posts complete and mail to Department their Post Certifications for 2015/2016 to receive their membership cards after Convention.

### **2. Membership Stats for Department of Texas:**

Division 3	Lloyd O. Buckmaster	94.69 %
Division 4	Roger M. Folmar	94.16 %
Division 1	Thomas H. Kelly	93.97 %
Division 2	John Hince	91.90 %

Headquarters: Post 345: 6640

Department Total: 64679 to goal of 68464 94.47%

3. American Legion Members, you will soon receive your renewal request for the 2016 membership year which begins July 1, 2015. 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. Upcoming Events: JULY 2015**

1<sup>st</sup> Membership Renewal Notice Mailed to Members – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Independence Day – Department Headquarters Closed on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Department Convention: Beaumont 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
#1 Gold Pin Award Final Date – 10<sup>th</sup>  
~~Post Leadership Training – 25th – 26th~~  
**Post Certification Form Deadline – 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **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>

5. **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.**

## **6. 2015 National Convention Information:**

The 2015 National Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD, from Aug 28<sup>th</sup> to Sept 3, 2015 and the registration fee is \$25.00 per individual.

We will be staying at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel and our room rate is \$154.00 per night, with 2 people per room. \$10.00 for each additional person, the Tax rate is 15.50% so the total daily room rate price is \$178.00

The Housing deadline will be MAY 15, 2015. After that date we cannot guarantee you will be in our hotel. If you think you are going to attend please submit your housing form to us by the deadline. All registration forms can be found on the National Convention page of the Department Website.

The Texas Party will be held on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at TBA, the cost is \$40.00 per person. Tickets need to be order by May 15<sup>th</sup> to provide head count for buses and food. (Must have a 100 people to hold event)

The National Commanders Dinner tickets cost \$45.00 per person and tickets need to be pre-order. Please contact the Department Adjutant by May 15<sup>th</sup> to order tickets.

## **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.

*HOUSTON VARO – (713) 383-2755*

*Edward Reyes: [edward.reyes@va.gov](mailto:edward.reyes@va.gov)*

*Mike Lacy: [michael.lacy@va.gov](mailto:michael.lacy@va.gov)*

*WACO VARO – (254) 299-9960*

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