

Hubmaster Report for May 2015

1. **Membership Goals:** The last Target Goal month has passed. Look at the Division and Department data below and you can see we have a ways to go to meet goal. It is not too late but without those transmittals mailed to Department they don't count.

May 6, 2015 100%

2. **Membership Stats for Department of Texas:** Let's Lead the Way so keep those transmittals coming.

Division 3	Lloyd O. Buckmaster	93.11 %
Division 4	Roger M. Folmar	92.40 %
Division 1	Thomas H. Kelly	92.05 %
Division 2	John Hince	90.11 %
Department Total:		92.86%

3. **Mylegion.org:** Your annual dues help support the programs of The American Legion in your community, state and nation. American Legion programs and service include: Troop Support, Child Welfare Foundation, American Legion Baseball, our Department Service Officers, Family Support Network, Veterans Job Fairs and many other programs.

To renew your dues, simply click on the “Renew Your Membership Online” button at the right top of this website. You can also set up your dues to be automatically paid each year while you are on the renewal site.

4. Upcoming Events: June 2015

Consolidated Post Report Submission Deadline -1st
Law Officer, Firefighter & EMT of the Year Award Application Deadline – 1st
Chaplain of the Year Deadline – 1st
Department Boys State: 7th – 12th (Tentative)
Membership Awards Deadline – 8th
Dept Color Guard Contest Submission Deadline – 8th
Flag Day – 14th
Baseball Team roster Deadline – 15th

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 28th 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 30th at 7pm at TBA, the cost is \$40.00 per person. Tickets need to be order by May 15th 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 15th to order tickets.

7. Veterans Service Officers:

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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