

Hubmaster Report for September 2014

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. Remaining monthly target dates:

October 1, 2014	55%
November 5, 2014	65%
December 3, 2014	75%
January 7, 2015	85%
February 4, 2015	90%
March 5, 2015	95%
April 1, 2015	98%
May 6, 2015	100%

2. **Membership Stats for Department of Texas:** The race is on...

Division 3	Lloyd O. Buckmaster	54.71 %
Division 4	Roger M. Folmar	53.69 %
Division 2	John Hince	53.37 %
Division 1	Thomas H. Kelly	49.89 %

3. **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.

The online course is \$4.95 for members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. The registration fee is \$9.95 for non-members. Payment can be accepted securely and conveniently on the course registration page.

There is also the off-line ALEI course that is being offered at Division and District Conventions and can be scheduled at Posts upon request. You can contact our Department Vice-Commander, Fred Rogers or see the Training tab on the Dept Website home page.

4. 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.

5. Paid Up for Life: We congratulate those American Legion Post members that have joined the ranks of Paid Up for Life (PUFL) members and encourage you to consider becoming a Paid Up For Life member. This will mean you will never have to pay dues again and will not be subject to membership dues increases in the future and you will continue to support American Legion programs for many years to come. Please see your Adjutant for help with the PUFL program or you can send me an e-mail at legionpost163@aol.com and I can help.

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