

## Hubmaster Report for September 2013

1. **Post Membership Goals:** The first membership target for 2014 was Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> and has come and gone. You can see the membership activity on the Department website: [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org). The next Membership Target is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 55% it won't be long before the November 6<sup>th</sup> target of 65% arrives. Keep up the good work.
2. The 95<sup>th</sup> annual National Convention in Houston has come and gone and The American Legion elected Virginia Veteran Dan Dillinger as its leader for a one year term.
3. The American Legion lost two more past leaders, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Dan Arnold and 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander, William (Slim) Edwards, they will be missed.
4. In the face of reports that The American Legion and other veterans service organizations (VSOs) are being targeted by the Internal Revenue Service, delegates to the Legion's national convention in Houston recently passed three resolutions that include calling for Congress to look into the IRS' field investigations into Legion posts chartered under 501(c)(19) – or nonprofit – status.

As a result of IRS actions to one of our posts, national convention delegates passed three resolutions regarding the IRS:

- Resolution 62 seeks an amendment to Section 501(c)(19) of Title 26 U.S. Code to either remove the minimum percent of veterans in the post or to provide clarifying language that the minimum percentage be based upon the aggregate enrollments based on the entire national organization of the VSO, rather than on a local community-based post.
  - Resolution 63 calls for Congress to rectify the problems with Chapter 4.76.26.1 of the IRS Exempt Organizations Examination Guidelines regarding wartime service periods.
  - Resolution 64 calls for Congress to rectify problems with Chapter 4.76.26.2.2(2)b. of the Jan. 27, 2011, IRS Exempt Organizations Examination Guidelines so it shall provide for at least 75 percent of the members of which are past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces and substantially all of the other members of which are individuals who are cadets or are spouses, widows, widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and that all of its members are either members of a veterans post or organization who are related to a member of such post or organization. Go to the A.L. Dept of Texas website for more details.
5. American Legion Extension Institute Instructor (ALEI) Training was conducted during the 95<sup>th</sup> Department of Texas Convention at Irving, TX. The Department of Texas now has Eight certified instructors that will be used to conduct this off-line course at locations scheduled through your Division and District Commanders. The off-line course is free but if you wish a pin along with the completion certificate it will cost you \$4.95. The Auxiliary can get the same training and certificate but the pin will cost \$9.95.

6. Information about State Commander Jim Fleming's Homecoming can be found under the Commander tab on the homecoming page of the A.L. Dept of Texas website. Deadline to [register](#) is October 31st.
7. The United States Air Force was established September 18, 1947. Happy Birthday!
8. POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any recommendations for the A.L. Department of TX hubmaster that would be helpful to you please let us know at [legionpost163@aol.com](mailto:legionpost163@aol.com) or call me at 817-223-8926 or notify the Dept Adjutant.

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