



# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS



## HUBMASTER REPORT

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### Purpose

*The Hubmaster Report is published monthly to promote membership retention and member involvement through effective communication.*

### **NEF/TFA Procedures Change for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria**

Now that the evacuation orders have been lifted and most of our members are able to return to their communities and residences to access damages and start the recovery/rebuilding process. The procedure of taking NEF/TFA grant applications for immediate checks via the toll free telephone number will cease to be in operation effective Wednesday, September 27th.

National Emergency Fund (NEF) and Temporary Assistance (TFA) grant requests will now follow normal processing procedures.

NEF is available to American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members (up to \$3,000) Legion Posts (up to \$10,000) who were impacted by Harvey, Irma and Maria as well as all members who are displaced by other natural disasters declared by an appropriate government agency. Checks will still be placed in the mail within 48 hours of receipt of the grant application at National Headquarters.

The 90 day requirement for grant submission is waived for Harvey, Irma and Maria victims.

For more information and links, please visit <https://txlegion.org/2017/09/26/neftfa-procedures-change-for-hurricanes-harvey-irma-and-maria/>

### **99<sup>th</sup> Department of Texas Convention Time Capsule**

As part of the American Legion Centennial Year, The Department of Texas will dedicate a monument placed at the Bexar County Justice Center in San Antonio Texas which will include a time capsule to be buried nearby. The time capsule 48" x 36" x 12' will be designed to be re-opened after 50 years and will include papers, newspaper articles, photographs, coins, insignia pins and clothing.

District Commanders are directed to contact their Posts to submit items for the 100th Anniversary Time Capsule by January 12, 2018 by mail to Department Headquarters or in person to the Mid-Winter DEC meeting January 26, 2018.

Items must be clearly marked with a description of what they are, identification of any people in photographs, and the name and address of the Post which submitted the item.

Questions can be directed to Susan Marty, Department Historian and Time Capsule Sub-Committee Chair  
714-309-2449  
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### **Texas American Legion Press Association (TEXALPA)**

Do you have a Newsletter? Website? Facebook page?...If you do, why not be recognized for it. As a member of TEXALPA, you will be able to submit your publications for Department awards and recognition for all the hard work that you do.

*“The purposes of TEXALPA shall be to foster publications and advance the standards and practices of communications within The American Legion, Department of Texas in the Department, Divisions, Districts, and Posts, and in their Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, or affiliated organizations as may be represented by the membership.”*

For more information or how to join, please visit <https://txlegion.org/affiliated-org/texalpa/>

### **2017-2018 Membership Year**

*“The single easiest way to accomplish our membership goal is for each member to commit to recruiting just one new member this year. Please join with me in making that commitment.”*

The following chart reflects our membership as of September 30th...

#### **Division Membership**

<u>Div</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
1	Bobby R. Baker	7500	16121	-8621	46.52
2	Milton R. Chatham	8070	17361	-9291	46.48
3	Harlan A. Lucas	10721	22278	-11557	48.12
4	Richard Britton Sr.	4800	10457	-5657	45.90

Remember, you can check your Division, District, and Post membership standings daily at [https://txlegion.org/current\\_membership.html](https://txlegion.org/current_membership.html)

## Did You Know?

**Operation Comfort Warriors.** During the 2017 Legacy Run, the American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program donated four high-definition televisions, games and exercise equipment to the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, and a donation was granted to the Kansas Soldiers' Home in Fort Dodge, Kan. Meanwhile, during the 99th National Convention in Reno, Nev., OCW provided entertainment, meals and outdoor activities to three wounded veterans and their caregivers. For example, one wounded veteran and his caregiver experienced a 40-minute glider flight over Lake Tahoe while another enjoyed a four-hour horseback ride along the Sierra Nevada Mountains. [www.legion.org/ocw](http://www.legion.org/ocw)

**Blood drive.** During The American Legion's national convention, 57 Legion Family members donated blood, which resulted in the collection of 47 units. This will save 122 lives.

**Legacy Run.** The American Legion Riders raised \$555,000 for the Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund during the 1,400-mile Legacy Run from Dodge City, Kan., to Reno, Nev., home of the 99th National Convention. Another \$667,000 was donated on the convention floor, bringing this year's Legacy Run total to a ride record of \$1,224,653. This is the fourth straight year the Legacy Run has raised more than \$1 million. [www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders)

## October Dates To Remember

**October 8** – Columbus Day. A day set aside to remember Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.

**October 27** – Navy Day. Even though the birthday of the U.S. Continental Navy was October 13, 1775, Navy Day is celebrated in the United States on October 27. This date was selected, as it was the birth date of President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid supporter of the U.S. Navy. Let's remember to give some well-deserved attention to the sailors who have honorably served and are now serving our country. Salute!

**October 26** – National Day of the Deployed. This day is set aside to honor all of the brave men and women who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families from which they are separated.

**Quote of the month** – “You cannot be disciplined in great things and indiscipline in small things. Brave undisciplined men have no chance against the discipline and valor of other men. Have you ever seen a few policemen handle a crowd?”  
General George S. Patton Jr