



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.*

### **American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI) Basic Training**

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.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. 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 course is free (upon graduation you can buy the Basic Training pin at emblem sales)

Follow the link for the course:

<https://www.legion.org/alei>

### **The Texas Chaplains Association (TCA)**

The Texas Chaplains Association (TCA) is an association of past and present Department of Texas American Legion Chaplains who have served or are now serving as Chaplains at the Post, District, Division and Department levels in Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units or Sons of The American Legion Squadrons. The Department of Texas supports the Texas Chaplains Association and is linked on the Department's web site under Affiliated Organizations at [www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org)

## **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  
[smarty632@hotmail.com](mailto:smarty632@hotmail.com)

### **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 October 31st...

#### **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	8117	16121	-8004	50.35
2	Milton R. Chatham	8863	17361	-8498	51.05
3	Harlan A. Lucas	11475	22278	-10803	51.51
4	Richard Britton Sr.	5227	10457	-5230	49.99

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?

**Legionnaire** Anthony McDaniel, a life member of American Legion Post 1992 in Gautier, Miss., won two bronze medals for Team USA in track and field at the Invictus Games in Toronto. McDaniel is one of about 90 Americans who competed in the worldwide competition of wounded warriors from 17 different nations. The Marine veteran lost both legs and his left hand by an IED in Afghanistan in 2010. That same year, Post 1992 presented him with a \$1,500 check to aid in his recovery, and then the post helped host his welcome home celebration in 2014.

**NEF** Since hurricanes Harvey and Irma struck, nearly \$56,000 in American Legion National Emergency Fund grants have been given to 103 Legion Family members. NEF assistance is available for eligible Harvey, Irma and Maria victims. The NEF application is available at [www.legion.org/emergency](http://www.legion.org/emergency). Upon receipt of the application to American Legion National Headquarters, checks will be placed in the mail within 48 hours. The 90-day requirement for grant submission is waived for Harvey, Irma and Maria victims.

## November Dates To Remember

### November is Membership Retention Month

**November 1 – Oratorical Contest:** The Department 2016-2017 Objectives detail a focus for each Post on Americanism Programs, including Oratorical. Your Division or District Oratorical Chairperson is a key source to provide assistance as needed.

**November 7 – Election Day:** All veterans served to protect the right to vote and now it is our duty to vote and help assist others in the voting process.

**November 11 – Veterans Day:** An official United States public holiday, that honors military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces.

**November 10 – Happy Birthday Marine Corps:** Founded on November 10, 1775, and charged with fighting from the land and sea. Currently the Marines have about 194,000 active duty members throughout the world.

**November 15 – Deadline for National Employer Awards:** Details are in the Post Administrative Manual, pages 4-6.

**November 23 – Thanksgiving Day:** Department offices closed November 24 & 25. Best wishes to everyone for a fun time spent with family and friends while remembering all of which we must be thankful.

**Quote of the month** – "A champion is someone who gets up, even when they can't"  
- Natalie Rogers