



THE  
AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS



# HUBMASTER REPORT

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*Best Wishes To All For A Healthy & Safe New Year*

## Purpose

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

## Department of Texas Website up and running

[www.txlegion.org](http://www.txlegion.org)

The new and improved Department of Texas website has finally launched! We are excited to bring you this fresh new website design and hope that it can serve as a much more convenient and useful web resource for our members.

In the coming weeks we will continue to fine tune a number of pages, and develop new site features and interactivity that will add to the user experience here. We appreciate your patience with this ongoing process.

This new site was designed for scalability in both form and function. It should work well on most all browsers, devices, and platforms including desktops, laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc.

Enjoy!

## **\*\*Final Notification: 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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## **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 stats reflects our membership as of December 31th...

### **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	10894	16121	-5227	67.58
2	Milton R. Chatham	11448	17361	-7422	65.88
3	Harlan A. Lucas	14856	22278	-7422	66.68
4	Richard Britton Sr.	6769	10457	-3688	64.73

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?**

**Veterans benefits** - The American Legion national website offers a state-by-state directory of veterans benefits. From health-care services to hunting and fishing license exemptions and free passes to state parks, the online guide details state and federal benefits alike for those who have served the nation in uniform, and their families. In some states, different benefits are available for veterans with service-connected disabilities. Visit the web page at [www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/state](http://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/state).

**Membership discounts** - The American Legion has a number of discounts offered exclusively to Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion members. These

member discounts are good for auto rentals, moving and relocation, travel and lodging, and more. For more information visit [www.legion.org/benefits](http://www.legion.org/benefits).

**Oratorical Contest volunteers** - The American is looking for volunteers to help with the 2018 National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, April 13-15. All expenses related to volunteering with the contest are paid by the volunteer. To volunteer, fill out the form at [www.legion.org/oratorical/volunteer/form](http://www.legion.org/oratorical/volunteer/form).

## **December Dates To Remember**

**January 1 - New Years Day**

**January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**January 25-28 - Department Mid-Winter Conference**

**American Legion Baseball registration begins on January 1, 2018**

**Texas Boys State registration begins on January 1, 2018**

**Junior Shooting target sets must be ordered by January 31st and all preliminary round sets must be returned to National Hdqts. by February 28.**

**Oratorical contests for Districts & Divisions will be held this month**

**Quote of the month** – “Hope, Smiles from the threshold of the year to come,  
Whispering 'it will be happier'...”  
— Alfred Tennyson