Purpose

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

Department Convention

The 100th Department of Texas Convention will convene in San Antonio, Texas on Wednesday July 11 thru Sunday July 15th. Full details are on the Department website [txlegion.org](http://txlegion.org) and click on Conventions on the top of the home page.

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

Participation in activities in behalf of disabled veterans has been a tradition of The American Legion since the days of its founding. Planning for incorporating Legionnaires into the care and treatment programs of the Veterans Health Administration was begun in April, 1946. At that time, representatives of The American Legion and several other veteran and welfare organizations met in Washington, D.C. with representatives of VA Central Office, and developed a basic plan of operation. That plan became known as the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS).

The VA Under Secretary for Health has stated that The American Legion has been one of the most active organizations in working at the national level for a purposeful program of volunteer activities in, and beyond, the medical facility. Volunteer activity is premised on its therapeutic value to the patient. The medical facility patient care program is developed by the treatment staff, and is under the control of physicians.

The properly oriented American Legion volunteer brings to the veteran patient a special talent and understanding which bridges the gap between the medical facility and the community, aids his rehabilitation, and speeds the veteran’s return to productive community living. For more information go to: [https://txlegion.org/programs/vavs/](https://txlegion.org/programs/vavs/)
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 June 30…(apologies, there was a Hubmaster glitch, so the numbers were not captured)

### Division Membership

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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?

**Flags** - 1,840 American Legion posts participate in the Legion’s Flag Rewards program. Posts participating in the Flag Rewards program receive a 10-cent credit for each dollar spent on the purchase of American flags from Emblem Sales. Purchases include those made by the post, as well as by schools, businesses, churches and individuals that buy U.S. flags from Emblem Sales and designate their local post to receive credit for the purchase.

To get started in the Flag Rewards program, post adjutants can register their post online at [https://emblem.legion.org/flag_rewards.asp](https://emblem.legion.org/flag_rewards.asp).

**Flag newsletter** - 47,142 people subscribe to The American Legion’s Flag Alert e-newsletter; that’s an increase of 13,400 from 2016. The Flag Alert e-newsletter provides notification when the U.S. flag is to be displayed at half-staff. Subscribe to the flag e-newsletter at [www.legion.org/newsletters](http://www.legion.org/newsletters).

**Legacy Scholarship** - $744,436 – the amount The American Legion Legacy Scholarship awarded to 41 children of the fallen and disabled. The Legacy Scholarship is available for children of veterans who died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, or post-9/11 veterans who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher. The announcement was made during the Legion’s Spring Meetings in May.
The American Legion Riders have been the most dedicated fundraiser and supporter of the Legacy Scholarship through their annual Legacy Run. The 2018 Legacy Run will leave Hutchinson, Kan., on Aug. 19 and arrive in Minneapolis for the national convention. Register for the ride at www.legion.org/riders/registration.

For more information about the Legacy Scholarship, visit www.legion.org/scholarships.

**July Dates To Remember**

**July 4** – Independence Day  
**July 20 - 28** – Boys Nation  
**July 27** – End of Korean War (1953)

**Quote of the month** – “Helping others, it's not enough merely to exist. You must give some time to your fellow man, even if it's a little thing. Do something for those who need man's help for which you get no other pay but the privilege of doing.”

-Dr. Albert Schweitzer