



THE
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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.

99th Annual Department Convention – Highlights

Our convention convened in Killeen on July 12 and adjourned on Sunday, July 16, 2017, and was another tremendous success. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to the Killeen Convention Committee and the Headquarters staff that made this possible.

Election Results

Commander	John Hince
Vice Commander	Phil Westerman
Judge Advocate	Dan Corbin, PDC
Treasurer	David Paris
Historian	Susan Marty
Sgt at Arms	Kimberly Biggerstaff

Appointments

Chaplain	Harvey Klee
Ass't Sgt at Arms	Mark Thompson
Hubmaster	John Hafner

During the Installation Ceremony, Immediate Past Commander, Walter Ivie, exhorted the membership to support all of our Officers and give them full cooperation by working together, as a team, for a successful year.

Fall DEC

The Fall DEC has scheduled to meet on September 21 – 24th, 2017 at the Omni Austin South Park Hotel in Austin, TX. For the complete schedule and agenda, visit:

<https://txlegion.org/conventions/fall-dec/>

2017-2018 Membership Year

Our new membership year has begun! Yes! It's that time already. It is a fact that planning for a successful membership year is critical. Simply committing your planned actions to paper and then following your plan will almost assure you will meet your goals. Encourage members to renew online at legion.org/renew, plan your recruiting events, plan who will contact expired members and who will contact current members to thank them for their continued membership as well as their honorable military service.

American Legion Oratorical Program

This "Constitutional Speech Contest" is an excellent opportunity for all Posts to interact with High School students in the community. Now is the time to begin planning your local event that should begin after October 29, 2017. District and Division contests will be held throughout January and the Department contest will be held in February 2018.

Did You Know?

Women veterans: A new dog tag honoring women veterans is available through Emblem Sales. The dog tag is inscribed with "Women Proudly Served."

To order the dog tag for \$3.95, search for item No. 815.702:

www.emblem.legion.org

Twitter: The American Legion hit 40,000 followers on Twitter. Are you one of them? www.twitter.com/AmericanLegion

In addition to getting breaking news about the Legion, the Legion tweets links to other media sources reporting on issues important to membership, valuable information on gaining employment through Legion career fairs, and photos/coverage of American Legion national and local events from across the country.

Operation Comfort Warriors: In December, The American Legion Department of Iowa accepted a \$31,626 donation toward Operation Comfort Warriors from Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. From July to August last summer, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group donated 25 cents for each case of Dr. Pepper, 7Up or Snapple products sold. The promotion ran in Fareway, Dahl's and Hy-Vee food stores in Iowa.

www.twitter.com/AmericanLegion

August Dates To Remember

August 4 – Happy 224th Birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard

August 7 – Purple Heart Day – the Purple Heart is a military decoration awarded for being killed or wounded in any action against an enemy of the United States on or after April 5, 1917

August 8 - VJ Day (also known as Victory over Japan Day) – the day on which Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect ending the war

August 29 – Happy 100th Birthday U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

Quote of the month – “Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.” — Abraham Lincoln