

The Lamp Post

Shining the light in the dark
for trans service members & veterans



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Addressing the Community

I'll try to keep it brief this month. I've talked with a good chunk of you all and there's two common trends that are holding equally true.

The first: the struggle is very, very real. Whether that's dysphoria, social challenges, the transition to being a veteran, going in front of retention boards, or life generally being extra rough: the struggle & hardship are evident. We're all doing our best to support each other, but survival mode's a bitch. But, that leads me to my next point.

The second trend I've noticed is the willingness to help each other to the fullest extent possible. I've seen community doing exactly what it's meant to. There are definitely shortcomings, limitations, & blindspots. And as we further organize, the goal will be to eliminate those entirely. But, for the time being, if we all continue to do our part in helping each other, we will all end up being taken care of.

As always: expect the worst, hope for the best, and fight to bridge the gap.

-Catie

TMH Town Hall



August 2026

Agenda

- Updates
- Localization
- Volunteering
- D&D
- Staff Updates
- Q&A

TMH Updates

- Localization Surge
 - HI, SF, CO, TN, WA, & DMV have been going strong.
 - CA - AB 1775 is progressing
 - TN - Partnership w/ State Senator
 - More action pending in other parts of the country.
- Merch is returning (More to Follow)
- Community Engagement & Care
 - Main Focus
 - Localization & Org-wide
 - Morale events open to anyone to schedule
 - Discord calendar & rooms
 - Localization meetups



Volunteer Needs

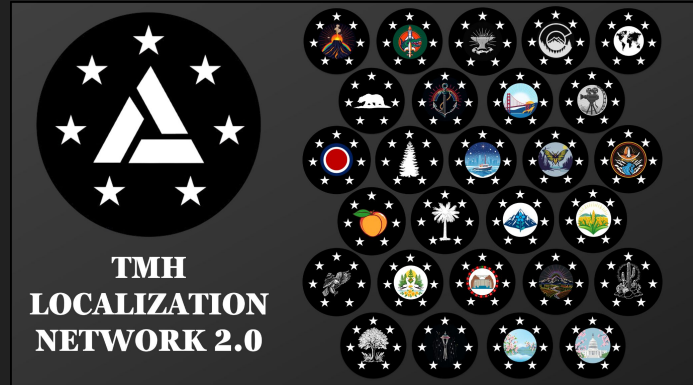
Volunteer Need	Description	Time Per Week	Minimum Number	Maximum Number
Resource research	Google and find resources in locations of need	2-3 hours a week	1	5
Policy research	Routinely look up state level legislation as it's introduced that is pro or anti trans and/or LGBTQ+	2-5 hours a week (more helpers means less time per week)	2	5
J2 helpers	Media Analysis is the quick turn around on current or ongoing information that directly affects us as a community. We parse through news, socials, and other forms of media to reduce assumptions and panic within our group and provide an easy(ier) understanding of the information in a shorter form product. We're looking for some new team members that are able to keep up with the 24-48hr time frame depending on the incoming information. We need motivated individuals that are willing to read through slop that is floating around and decipher exaggerated or false claims in the media sphere.	3-7 hours a week (more during high information times)	3	7
Localization POC	Be "in charge" of a Signal localization chat. Share messages from the POC and Announcement channels to the localization. Ensure there isn't any NSFW content and everyone is respectful.	1-3 hours a week	9	36
Social media graphics	Good with graphic design, or good with Canva and can make templates for us to use for our social media pages	1-3 hours a week	1	3
Newsletter template	Canva knowledge to take the Lamp Post template and recreate it in Canva.	1-3 hours total	1	1
Arm The Dolls research	Help ATD research gun laws, regulations, and policy in states they don't have guides for yet. They have a template to use to help make this easier.	1-3 hours a week	1	10

D&D

- 31AUG - Info Session
- 5e
- Catie will DM
 - Custom sourcebook world set in Faerun after Baldur's Gate 3
- Beginner-friendly
- Max. 6 players
 - Audience Welcome
- Start w/ one-shots
 - Potential campaign
 - TBD
- No physical materials necessary
- Session Zero will be scheduled at the 31AUG info session.
 - Players can make characters between then and now.



Localization



- Main POC: Tristan
- Don't be afraid to ask for more granular groups as needed
- Goals:
 - Social & Morale
 - Community Support
 - Advocacy



Staging Area QR
Code

CONTACTS/LINKS

Trans Competent VSO List:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5e-OwLVCFhLkIZ2YtvRtkLRd6vB2taFGgwZqbhBODs/edit?usp=sharing>

Benefits Delivery at Discharge:

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/benefits-delivery-discharge-program.asp>

TLP Submissions: marcie.kulp.tmh@gmail.com /
marcie.kulp.tmh@proton.me

Q'mmunity House: <https://minorityvets.my.canva.site/qhouse>

Volunteer Recruitment Form: <https://wkf.ms/4o68Xq8>

Teepublic Merch Page:

<https://www.teepublic.com/user/sudden-sentience>

Project Bastion:

<https://airtable.com/appR5jvXshfmt42zA/shrOvgtdjZaEpPAqt/tblLmLqrVrpZMpa4Z/viw8f0N2Sy4R7nytW>

Anti-trans Bill tracking: <https://translegislation.com>

Want to volunteer? [Ping a staff member](#)



Out and Out Anthology
Submissions

Signal Staging Area



Looking for Queer History and Community Spotlight? Stay connected by following [@admin.tmh](#) on Instagram, or [TMH, 501c4](#) on Facebook. Posts will come, as I am the sole creator of posts.

Want to participate? Everyone is more than welcome to share their journey, stories of their transition. This can be done anonymously, or not! This is **OPTIONAL** and will **NEVER** be a requirement.

Upcoming Events

- Friday Night Gaming
 - TMH Discord - Every Friday @ 1800 EST
- TMH Town Hall Schedule (1630EST)
 - 26SEPT2026
 - 24OCT2026
 - 28NOV2026
- The Lamp Post Publications (evening/late evening)
 - 27SEP2026
 - 25OCT2026
 - 29NOV2026
- TMH Day Activities
 - 04 January 2027 1500
- Power Point Party
 - 12 September 1900 EST
- Beginner D&D Info Session
 - 30 August 1700 EST
- Forza Horizon Car Meets
 - Last Saturday, every month @ 1900 EST

Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks within TMH. With time commitments from small to large, we'd love to have you take part where you can. If you'd like to volunteer in any of the ways listed below, ping Kilele in #general-chat in Discord or send it up to your Signal chat POC.

Resource Research: Searching and finding resources in locations of need (2-3 hours a week) 1-5 people

Policy Research: Routinely look up state level legislation as it's introduced that is pro or anti trans and/or LGBTQ+ (2-5 hours a week depending on number of helpers) 2-5 people

Media Analysis Helpers: Help with current and ongoing information that impacts the community (3-7 hours a week; more during high information times) 3-7 people

Localization POC: Be "in charge" of a Signal localization chat. Share messages from the POC channel to the localization. Ensure there isn't any NSFW content and everyone is respected (1-3 hours a week) 9-36 people

Social Media Graphics: Good with graphic design, or good with Canva. Create templates and finished graphics to use for our social media pages (1-3 hours a week) 1-3 people

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Advocacy Corner

You advocacy task for this month is to check your voter registration status.

With under 80 days left until the midterm elections, now is the time to be sure you're able to vote on 3 November 2026.

Use this website to help find out if you're registered or not.

<https://www.vote.org/>

Be sure to locate your polling place, check any ID requirements, and have a plan to vote.

The biggest task is to make sure you go vote! Elections aren't looking for the best candidate or you opt out of voting. It's trying to get as close to where you're going as you can.