



# North Carolina American Legion Auxiliary M & M State Fair “Membership Matters”



Spring is so close and so are our District Meetings. Come and join the fun and learn something from our units as we gather for these motivating meetings! The fair is still open and giving away fair prizes for those that bring membership. I look forward to seeing you there!

There are a few housekeeping items you need to be aware of regarding membership. As of Feb 02<sup>nd</sup> you have to pay a member's current year dues (2016) before you can pay any other dues year. If National finds records where the payment has not been made for the current year they will reverse the payment to make the member current.

Also you may find that if dues are submitted after March 25<sup>th</sup> to Department; those names may not show up on the 2017 roster which means you may not have a printed membership card.

**Remember, dues will be going up \$2 for Jr. and Seniors for 2017. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline set for changes in Unit Membership Dues. This includes the name and address of the member who should receive the 2017 membership packet or the remit to person in your unit.**

I appreciate each and everything everyone is doing in membership! I am asking each Auxiliary Member to read this poem as if you were saying it and then act on it by contacting your unit members. If not for their dues just to let them know you care.

## “IT IS UP TO ME”

I want the American Legion Auxiliary to be  
An organization that is able to help those that have kept us free.  
And if that's going to happen,  
Then it is up to me.

I can't take for granted that anyone  
Has done all the things that I should have done.

I must take the time, with each task I do,  
To be the best I can be, to see our mission through.

For God and Country we claim to be,  
Helping our communities, veterans, military and family.

Our obligations are a necessity,  
Along with membership you see.

To make us successful each of us should know, if it is to be it is up to me.

By working together the “me” then becomes “we”.

So we are successful and able to help those  
That have given so much to keep us free.

For God & Country,  
Brenda Toppin, Vice Pres. / Membership Chairman