

To All Auxiliary Members,

This year, the Department of Florida “ROCKED” as we advocated and promoted the American Legions’ legislative priorities and issues concerning our veterans, women, military families, national security and patriotism. Thank You for making a difference for our American heroes while embracing President T.K.’s theme, Catching Rays and Creating Brighter Futures. As Memorial Day approaches, the following poem is “Dedicated to our honored dead who served in all branches of the military.”

## REMEMBER ME

**Remember me:** I fought for you in all our wars both here and far away,  
I fought and died in the name of freedom so that you might live today.

**Remember me:** For I was there in times of peace and every war we entered in,  
I fought on land, on sea, and in the air so victorious in the end we might win.

**Remember me:** I was your husband, your wife, your daughter, your son,  
I was your neighbor, your father, your mother, and could be most anyone.

**Remember me:** I was a baby, little girl, little boy, brother, sister, aunt and uncle, the  
child next door,  
I knew laughter, I knew joy, I knew love, I knew sorrow, I knew pain and so much more.

**Remember me:** I was the girl that played with dolls, and the boy who played with a  
child’s toy gun,  
I was the cowboy, the Indian, movie maker, aviator, actor, soldier, sailor, marine, just in  
fun.

**Remember me:** I was the girlfriend, boyfriend, lover, schoolmate or friend,  
I was always there when needed and in spirit ‘til the end.

**Remember me:** I saw the seasons through sunshine, warmth, rain and cold,  
I saw holidays, gatherings, parties, birthdays, picnics, and stories told.

**Remember me:** I was not just a name etched deep into stone, soon forgotten and left  
alone,

I was a person very much like you who experienced life as I had grown.

**Remember me:** I was the soldier, the sailor, Airman, Marine, the one who died to keep  
you free,

I am your country’s honored dead who ask of you one single thing:

**REMEMBER ME.**

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