

# Whitewater Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary



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NEWSLETTER

Next monthly meeting: Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

## ⌘ Operation Care Package ⌘

Last month, the Auxiliary sent 112 care packages overseas. Special thanks to everyone who contributed time, money and items! We want to acknowledge Dollar Tree and thank them for their assistance with Operation Care Package. The Auxiliary appreciates the efforts of everyone involved! Please let us know if you have anyone to add to our care package mailing list. We need the name, complete address and deployment dates. Forms are available at the League.

In order to raise funds for the care package program, we are selling dollar message cards similar to other signature fundraiser cards. Buy a card for a dollar and sign your name, write a note, or just say "thanks". The yellow cards that had been displayed above the bar were enclosed in the care packages that the Auxiliary sent to the troops in May.

The Auxiliary participated with Ultimate Fighting of Indiana, LLC (UFI) in a "Fight for Our Troops" MMA (mixed martial arts) event at the National Guard Armory to raise money for Operation Care Package. A Silent Auction was held with donations from the Holiday Inn, BridgeMaxx, Imagine That Tattoos, No Mercy Athletics, Play & Trade, Fricker's, Rally's and others. Through the Silent Auction, vendors' sales percentage donations, individual donations and a \$500 donation from Toyota of Richmond, the Auxiliary raised approximately \$1000 for the care package fund.

## Whitewater Valley Motorcycle Club monthly benefit rides

The first Sunday of each month, the Marine Corps League hosts the Whitewater Valley Motorcycle Club Benefit Rides. The Auxiliary prepares the meals served at the rides. Everyone is invited to help. The proceeds for each benefit ride scheduled this year go to children. The June benefit ride is for Ryan Miller who is 6 years old. He has sacral-a-genes which means he is missing his bottom three vertebrae and part of his sacrum bone on which he is not able to walk. He does not let his handicap slow him down. He uses a wheelchair at school, but he mainly gets around on his hands. He has one kidney and a small bladder which doctors want to surgically expand. The WWVMC ride will be held Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 10 am. Riders leave the Marine Corps League at noon. The itinerary is through Ohio to Suds Bar in Eldorado, Laffs Bar in Germantown, Mutts Brewery in Trenton and Stadium Bar & Grill in Oxford before returning to the Marine Corps League.

## Marine Corps League Indiana State Convention

The Marine Corps League Indiana State Convention will be held Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Hotel at 2500 South High School Road in Indianapolis. It is being sponsored by the James P. Farber Detachment #1183 of Avon, Indiana.



## Social Security: Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security. Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are not granted for inactive duty training.

If your active military service occurred from 1957 through 1967, Social Security will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits; from 1968 through 2001, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record; after 2001, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service. Credit for Special Extra Earnings applies only to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001.

For Service in 1957 through 1977, you are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay. Service in 1978 through 2001, for every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

*Please remember all of our men and women serving our country for our freedom!*

*Respectfully,*

*Nina Rose  
Auxiliary President*