

WHITEWATER VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

Attendance at the August meeting was disappointing, but that's not unusual during the vacation season, so we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the next monthly meeting on **Sunday, September 12th at 2:00 PM**. In the meantime, we thought we would send an update to let you know what's new with the Auxiliary and invite everyone to participate. Your help is always appreciated!

We are still participating in the Overseas Coupon Program. We adopted a Marine base in Japan. In July, we sent \$153.15 food & \$696.27 non-food coupons totaling \$849.42. The total to date: \$12,331.97. Remember to bring in your manufacturer's coupons!

OPERATION CARE PACKAGE: We will meet at the League at 6:00 pm to go shopping for care packages on Thursday, September 9th. On Friday evening, September 10th, we will assemble the care package items for mailing. Postage for each box is \$12.95 so, in addition to purchasing supplies, we need to raise more funds. The Auxiliary will be sponsoring its own poker run to raise money for our care package program. The **Auxiliary Care Package Ride will be Saturday, September 11th**. Registration is at 10:00 am. The ride begins at noon. The Auxiliary will prepare and serve food for the riders. The cost to ride is \$10 and passengers are \$5. There will be door prizes, raffles, 50/50s and top poker hand prizes. ALL proceeds will be used to send care packages to our troops overseas.

September Benefit Rides:

- *Auxiliary Care Package Ride* – Saturday, SEPT 11
- *Toys for Tots Ride* – Sunday, SEPT 19

Join us for **Fried Chicken Dinner & Bar Bingo** on

- Friday, AUG 27
- Friday, SEPT 24
- Friday, OCT 22

We will have a booth at Oktoberfest at the Depot on September 25. This is a new project so, if you have never tended a booth, this could be a good time to try it out!

We will have a **Lia Sophia** jewelry fundraiser at the Club on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, find birthday gifts, and choose jewelry to wear at the Birthday Ball.

The Auxiliary will have a booth at Fourth Street Fair on the first weekend in October. That Sunday, there will also be a poker run at the Club, so we will need extra volunteers!

Department of Indiana Fall Conference: OCT 16th and OCT 17th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Merrillville, Indiana. Sponsored by Howlin Mad Detachment. Everyone who plans to attend must pay a \$20 registration deposit by August 31st.

Annual auxiliary memberships expire this month. You can pay your \$22 annual renewal at the club in person or by mail (200 South Ninth Street). Make checks payable to *MCLA*.