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MCX Offers 25% Discount on Motorcycle gear

HQMC (MR) QUANTICO, VA – The Marines Corps Exchange (MCX) is offering Marines who complete one of the Corps' motorcycle rider courses the one-time opportunity to purchase their safety gear at “cost”.

The discount is offered to those who take the Basic Rider Course, Experienced Rider Course, or the Military Sportbike Rider Course.

According to Cindy Whitman Lacy, Head of MCX retail operations, “We understand the statistics concerning the motorcycle fatalities of Marines, the MCX wants to do its part to reduce that number. We have partnered with the Safety Office to allow Marines to purchase motorcycle safety gear at our cost after the completion of the Safety Class.”

The MCX is offering the coupons to reduce the retail to the MCX “cost” price. This is a one-time incentive to ensure our Marines have the proper safety gear. It's the latest in an effort to reduce motorcycle fatalities among Marines. In FY09, 16 Marines died in motorcycle wrecks, compared to 25 in FY08.

Whitman Lacy said that each installation has a different selection of items based on command demographics and available space in the store. Marines will be able to find gear such as helmets, gloves, jackets, boots, reflective vests and pants. Small commands

that don't currently offer the gear will be able to special order the products to honor the coupons.

The coupons expire 90 days after the date they are issued and are only good for a one-time purchase. Marines who have completed any of the courses this year may obtain a coupon by contacting the local safety office. Whitman Lacy added that the exchanges began offering the discount in August 2009. So far, 81 coupons have been redeemed and Marines have saved nearly \$1700.

For more information about required motorcycle riders courses contact your installation safety office. For more info about the safety gear program you can contact your installation exchange manager.