

**Minutes of the Kuwait Chapter, AUSA Monthly Board Meeting
01 February 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chapter President at 1030 hours on 01 February at Jim and Kathy Riley's home where Kathy served a delicious brunch (Thank you, Rileys).
2. Members present were:
 - Sam and Beam Thompson
 - Jim and Kathy Riley
 - Ivan and Jeanne Welch
 - Rich and Christyne Vick
 - Tom and June Schneider
 - David and Julie Hill
 - Darrell Crawford
 - John Homerin
 - Jeremy Howard
 - Max Champaco
 - Samar Mansour
 - Salem Al-Roomi
 - Bill Iorio
3. Ivan Welch gave a briefing on the upcoming BBQ at Camp Navistar on 9 February. The BBQ will start at 1530. Board members and corporate members assisting in the event should plan to be at the location next to the big stage/platform area by 1330. For base access, Ivan will submit list of attendees to Security on Saturday 3 February. There will be a membership sign-up table and AUSA golf shirts will be offered for sale @5KD. Rudy Morales has volunteered to entertain the troops. The Australian Defense band will perform also. LTC Bruce Jenkins and MAJ Ralph Williams (565th PSB Fwd) have agreed to provide an escort for the Australian band from Ali Al-Salem AFB to arrive at Navistar by 1330.
4. Sam Thompson briefed the upcoming General Membership Meeting to be held 12 February at the Agility (formerly PWC) Headquarters. Gen (Ret) John Tilelli will be the guest speaker. The meeting will also include a tour of the Agility operation. Beverages and heavy finger foods will be provided, courtesy of Agility. There will be a membership sign-up table; the running shirts left over from the Camp Buehring AUSA Army 10-Miler will be given to members.
5. Sam Thompson briefed a potential project to hold a BBQ for the soldiers at the LSA on 16 March. A world-renowned Irish group will be in Kuwait for St Patrick's Day and have volunteered to play for our soldiers. This event is being coordinated with LTC Bruce Jenkins, the LSA Commander. The board voted unanimously to support this function.

6. Darrell Crawford presented a potential project called “A Day in the Desert” for the Camp Buehring soldiers in late March. Samar Mansour and Jeremy Howard (Al Ahlea) volunteered to provide the required support to make this happen. The concept calls for camel rides, Arabian horse rides, and a falcon demonstration. We will have a photographer available to provide pictures for the soldiers. We will conduct this project inside the perimeter of Camp Buehring. The board voted unanimously to support this project.

7. Darrell Crawford briefed the status of the AUSA Annual Golf Tournament to “SOS (Support Our Soldiers).” We have secured the date of 26 April. We can have up to 144 participants. The thought is to pair soldiers with corporate members. The event would be no cost to soldiers and 10KD for field grade officers. Members were asked to assist in obtaining corporate sponsors for this event. Cost for each participant is 55KD (all-inclusive: green fees, golf carts, breakfast, lunch and grab bags). AUSA will collect 60KD per participant; the 5KD will go towards the Soldier and NCO of the Year sponsorship. We have the potential to earn about \$7500 on this event if it is fully subscribed. We will invite Gen Sullivan to attend if his calendar permits. We will see if AUSA has golf balls or towels available. The CFLCC commander will be briefed this month by Sam Thompson and Darrell Crawford, and request his approval of the event.

LTC Rich Vick announced that the Armed Forces Ball will be held that evening at the U. S. Embassy. There appears to be no conflict with the Golf Tournament which will start at 0630, with a 0745 shotgun start, ending at 1300 followed by the Awards luncheon.

8. The next General Membership Meeting after the 12 February meeting will be held in May. Elections will be conducted as the current President and his wife will be moving to the USA later in the summer. We plan to hold the event at the Sheraton Hotel and will invite Gen. (Ret.) Buck Kernan to be the guest speaker.

9. AUSA will conduct a Presidents’ Training on 07 to 10 June in Washington DC. The Chapter President has requested one space be allotted to the Kuwait Chapter.

10. David Hill gave a financial report.

- There is approximately \$1,188 in the Chapter’s bank account.
- Under the auspices of AUSA Europe, there will be a raffle held from 01 March to 18 May. Each chapter will be allocated 6,000 tickets at \$2 per ticket. The grand prize is a 2008 vehicle. The Board agreed to set up raffle ticket sales tables at the PX entrance in Camp Arifjan.

11. The Chapter Annual Plan is due at National on 29 June 2007.

12. The President emphasized the need for more members and requested all attendees to sign up at least one corporate member before next month's meeting.
13. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday 08 March at 1000 hours at the Thompsons' apartment #85 in the York Complex for brunch.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 1200 hours.