



Association of the US Army
Kuwait Chapter
12 July 2007

Subject: Minutes of the 12 July 2007 Executive Board Meeting

1. The meeting was held at the Kuwait Towers Restaurant and was called to order at 1100 hours by Darrell Crawford, President. Twenty-one chapter officers and other members/guests were present.
2. Future dates and locations of board meetings were discussed:
 - 2 August – Courtyard Marriott
 - 6 September – Al Corniche on Gulf Road (AC3 to host)
 - 4 October – Leisure Cruise on Arabian Gulf (Samar to coordinate for the boat)
3. Next General Membership meeting may be at the AEWA at the US Embassy. LTC Rich Vick will coordinate a date and time and brief at next month's board meeting. We will target late October.
4. Army 10 Miler on 7 October at Camp Buehring. As our chapter did last year, T-shirt and trophies will be provided by our corporate sponsors. Brandi Peasley, AUSA member, has the lead to coordinate with the Camp Buehring Command Cell. James Singleton, AUSA member and an International Account Manager in Kuwait for Grainger, volunteered to assist and provide some give-aways. Brandi will brief the details at next month's board meeting.
5. An AUSA BBQ will also be held at Camp Buehring on 7 October in conjunction with the run. Mark Peasley has the lead to coordinate this with the Camp Buehring Command Cell. Mark will brief the details at next month's board meeting.
6. European Department, AUSA 50th Anniversary Reception and Dinner, Heidelberg, Germany, 21 July 07. Darrell and his son will be passing through Germany this weekend and plan to attend. GEN(R) Gordon Sullivan will be the guest speaker.
7. AUSA Chapter Leadership Training. Darrell will attend this training in Kansas City 8-12 August at the end of his vacation.
8. AUSA National Convention, 8 – 10 October in Wash., D.C. Our chapter will not host a hospitality suite this year, but will plan on it in 2008. Third Army asked us to assist manning their booth this year. Darrell will take the lead on preparing for this and has invited others to attend the conference with him if their schedules and finances permit.



9. NCO of the Year / Soldier of the Year: The board voted on and approved a motion to send these two selectees to the National Convention. Our chapter will purchase plane tickets, provide hotel rooms, and buy a set of dress blues for these two soldiers. Darrell will reserve the rooms for the NCO/soldier and will request assistance for tickets from Alshamel Travel. Bryan Bell will notify us when selections of NCO/Soldier of the Year are announced and will coordinate the purchase of the dress blues.
10. “Audie Murphy” committee: SFC Steven Morales of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade in Iraq contacted Darrell with a request to help host an Audie Murphy run scheduled for 4 August. The AUSA Board voted by e-mail a couple of weeks ago to support the event with T-shirts. T-shirt support will be around \$750 for the event. The AUSA chapter from Ft. Bragg is also assisting in this. Bryan Bell, Samar Mansour and Brandi Peasley have collaborated to buy the shirts and mail them to SFC Morales. Cornell Wallace, V.P. of Al Marwad Int'l, one of the newest Corporate Members of AUSA, plans to represent the chapter at the event.
11. “Audie Murphy” request: MSG Ruby Murray of the G3 office at Camp Arifjan, talked to the board about the upcoming Camp Arifjan chapter military knowledge and physical competition among approx. 30 soldiers and requested we acknowledge the winners. Board member Samar Mansour suggested our chapter sponsor a dinner to recognize the soldiers’ achievements. The Board agreed to explore the options.
12. Golf Tournament 2008: Tom Schneider leads the planning effort assisted by Sonny Busa. Sonny led a discussion on the economic advantages of the Sahara vs. Bucksands clubs as the site of the 2008 tournament. Sahara offers a better course but Bucksands saves the chapter money, though it will require more volunteers to put the event on. The discussion will continue next month.
13. Board member Samar Mansour suggested that our chapter have a dinner dance around Valentine’s Day, 14 February 2008, as a fundraiser. Like the golf tournament, this could possibly become an annual event. She checked Crowne Plaza prices – 10 KD would cover dinner so she suggested we charge 20 KD per person.
14. Finance report given by Treasurer David Hill: Our US account has approx. \$1,700 and our Kuwait account has 2,990 KD (approx. \$10,500).
15. The meeting adjourned at 1215 hours.

Sincerely,

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Darrell Crawford
President, Kuwait Chapter AUSA