



Association of the US Army
Kuwait Chapter
29 September 2007

Subject: Minutes of the 28 Sept 2007 Executive Board Special Meeting

The meeting was held at Darrell Crawford's apartment complex off Highway 30 at exit 208 and was called to order at 1715 hours by Darrell Crawford, President. Ten of 25 Chapter officers and eight guests were present, thus there was not a quorum. (Note: The Thompsons and Rileys were counted as guests this time.)

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes for the last meeting were presented. They will be voted on at the next meeting as there was not a quorum.
 2. Samar is accepting reservations for the Board's dinner meeting to be held on a cruise boat sailing from the SAS Radisson on Friday night, 19 October. Reservations are limited to 30 so it will be first come, first served. For now, the dinner cruise is limited to Board members. If 30 are not signed up by the end of next week (5 October) it will be opened up to guests. Board members are encouraged to make reservations and pay the 15KD price per ticket as soon as possible by contacting Samar at Samar.Mansour@dfat.gov.au.
 3. Army 10 Miler and BBQ scheduled for 7 October at Camp Buehring. The update to the plan (attached) was distributed and discussed briefly, as Mark and Brandi were not present. Bryan Bell added that the last he had heard the BBQ was being cancelled due to constraints being place upon us by the Army, but that the grill and transportation could easily be arranged. Darrell asked Bryan to contact Mark and Brandi upon their return from Germany next week. Several people volunteered to help at the BBQ, though 'civilians' will not be allowed to cook or serve. (A number of soldier volunteers are signing up to cook and serve.) Participation is encouraged. Anyone wishing to get involved should contact Mark or Brandi. (Note: Owing to our inability to get funds from our bank account due to the fact that the Treasurer is out of town on vacation, MPRI generously donated 575KD to make our sponsorship of the these events possible. A letter of appreciation has been given to MPRI.)
 4. The AUSA National Meeting will be 8 – 10 October in Wash., D.C. Darrell announced that AUSA-Kuwait would not be part of the Third Army display after all owing to concerns by Third Army PAO regarding potential legal issues. Darrell chalked this up to time/distance of our chapter from Third Army in Atlanta and their lack of knowledge of the Kuwait Chapter. Darrell will get to know them at this year's National Meeting and will start the process early to get us involved next year.
 5. Coordination with ASG-KU is not complete for attendance by their NCO and Soldier of the Year to attend the AUSA National Meeting. Bryan Bell has not been able to contact CSM Harbin but a set of Blues has been purchased for the NCO of the Year, donated by Gulf Group Holding (certificate of appreciation will be sent to them). Nothing has been done yet for the Blue uniform for the Soldier of the Year. Alshamel provided the plane
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tickets (letter of appreciation sent) and Darrell has reserved the hotel rooms. Darrell is trying to meet the NCO and Soldier before departure.

6. There will be an AUSA General Membership meeting at the US Embassy Monday, 29 October (invitation attached). Attendance must be coordinated with LTC Rich Vick at vickr@omcku.centcom.mil. Board members are encouraged to get the word out; Darrell will e-mail the invitation through the AUSA website to all members in Kuwait.
7. The Board formally bid farewell to Jim and Kathy Riley and thanked them for their tremendous support of AUSA-Kuwait Chapter over the past two years. They will truly be missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.
8. Bryan Bell was congratulated for his promotion to Master Sergeant.
9. The meeting adjourned at 1800 hours.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Darrell discussed his visit to the Clothing Locker at the Ali Al Salem Life Support Area. He has come up with a plan to improve the operation:
 - a. Get more donations of clothing. Darrell will make an announcement at the National Meeting and ask the AUSA Director for Regional Activities, John Davies, to distribute a flyer to the other 122 chapters via e-mail.
 - b. Prepare to receive and store large quantities of donations. The 1146th Personnel Support Battalion will obtain a 40' container (or two 20' containers) to store the additional donations and have them spotted somewhere on the LSA. They will submit a work order to their Base Ops Support Contractor, CSA, to build shelving in the container(s). As the surge in donations arrive they will be placed in the new container(s).
 - c. AUSA-Kuwait Chapter will start a volunteer roster of at least two people to go out to the Ali Al-Salem LSA each weekend to sort, fold and shelve donations that arrive the previous week.
 - d. AUSA signs will be made to put in the soldier service area and on the outside of the 20' container where soldiers get clothing so there will be recognition of who provides that service.

Sincerely,

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Darrell Crawford

President, AUSA-Kuwait Chapter