

Kuwait Chapter
Association of United States Army
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
2 Oct 10 2010 at Rotana Manshar Hotel

Attendees: by Board Members Randy Williams, Patricia Patrick, LTC A.J. Johnson, George Brooks, Rania Azmi, Samar Mansour, Velinda White, Lole Meaole-Morrison, George Brooks, Gaelyn Anderson, Guests: SGM Melvin Johnson, Ms Nola Moloney 1LT Andrene Alexander, Damon Belanger, and Barbara Whitaker.

I. Old Business

A. Review Minutes

Samar made a motion to accept September minutes, seconded and all members approved.

B. Treasurer Report

Randy Williams gave brief treasure report. We received checks from KRH, GHG, MPRI over the past month. The money for blues uniform for the soldiers of the year is covered. Chapter is still 1700 in the hole from last year, so Randy asked the member to help rally sponsors to support Thanksgiving event.

C. Review of AUSA Point Status

Current Points are 219, and we were at 149 pts last month. We remain ahead of last year's rate.

D. Review September US Embassy Event

LTC Johnson thanked everyone for their support with the Freedom Walk. He thanked the sponsors for the food and T-shirts; There was some shortfalls with communication on bus arrivals; LTC Johnson will do the AAR with the embassy staff; suggestions to push the walk back to 1700 due to the heat. Randy mentioned that it will be hard to support next year by ARCENT or AUSA if the event is not confirmed sooner. We suggested 1 August.

E. GMM 9 Oct 10 Holiday Inn Downtown

Samar asked all attending to please RVSP. BG Brock, CG of 225th Signal will be the guest speaker. The Chapter President will then focus on upcoming events, emphasizing Thanksgiving. We need volunteers to host the membership tables

F. Newsletter-due 7 Oct 10- Rania will have the letter ready by 6 Oct 10.

G. National Convention Attendees & Block Housing.

Attendees: Currently, Patricia, Velinda, Nola, Randy, Ziyad from the Board, plus two general members (COL & Mrs Beatty), the NCO of the Year, Soldier of the Year, and SGM Johnson from ASG-K.

H. **Army Ten-Miler.** ARCENT- Kuwait changed the date for local event to 3 Oct 10 and never informed AUSA or requested any support. Members were not aware of the change. Chapter did not sponsor the event in Kuwait this year.

I. **Thanksgiving.** We are still trying to do the event at two venues simultaneously. The Capthorne in the west has been approved for security and had offered us a great price, and Sea Shells is currently being negotiated with. Randy, Nola, and Patricia will visit Dani Saleh at the Capthorne to set participation on Wednesday, 6 Oct 10.

II. New Business

A. Fill Board positions at GMM

Randy will be taking nominations for board positions at the GMM position will be temporary filled until May election next year.

B. **Education Week:** Waiting for update from the Camp Arifjan Education Center through Jeremy Howard. (Ms Maloney will carry this message back.

D. **Golf Tournament.** Randy set the Golf Tournament at Sahara for 13 March 2011. He also set the Troop Appreciation Banquet for 12 March 2010. We will seek to avoid February due to the double national celebrations all month, so the GMM may fall in late January.

III. **Next Meeting** – 6 Nov 10 location at Gae Lyn's residence.