

Kuwait Chapter
Association of United States Army
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
6 Nov 2010

Attendees: by Board Members Randy Williams, Patricia Patrick, John Hormin, George Brooks, Rania Azmi, Samar Mansour, Velinda White, Lole Meaole-Morrison, Gaelyn Anderson, Guests: SGM Melvin Johnson, Ms Nola Moloney, Tim Tolentino, Damon Belanger, Barbara Whitaker, Travis Hawkins, Pete Cowasn, Tony Cleveland, 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 and John gave detail account of all sponsors who donated large sums for the Thanksgiving event

C. Review Chapter Status/Web Site

AUSA Kuwait memberships up to 378 points- Randy asked Gae Lyn, Dana and John to assist with updating the Kuwait web site. Randy mentioned that the AUSA National Web Site still did not support our chapter membership applications online and requested members to please provide feedback on issues and successes with the national web site for new membership applications.

D. Review GMM, 9 Oct Holiday Inn Downtown

High attendance for the GMM 9 Oct 10 and we accomplished all of our goals and had had two commitments for sponsorships of Thanksgiving. Randy suggests the members help by looking for larger accommodations for the next GMM.

E. Newsletter – published on 7 October

Letter was posted on 7 Oct 10 and looks great. The next one will be completed in early January for us to use at the late January GMM like we did at the 9 Oct GMM last month. If anyone and something for letter, please email it to Rania.

F. Review-National Convention: Attendees: Soldier of the Year SGT Seidah Rivera, NCO of the Year SSG Michael Harris, and SGM Johnson from ASG-K, Nola Maloney, Randy, and general Members

COL and Mrs. Vern Beatty. It was a great event and the Kuwait Chapter was mentioned often. We received two banners, Best Oversea Chapter and Best Chapter Overall for our size; one will be at either Thanksgiving venues.

G. **Thanksgiving:** Teams for both sites was identified. Ms Patrick will lead the northern team and Randy will lead the southern team. Kick off time for all will be 0830 am. No head table but will have flags for the Sponsor and DV attendees at the Sea Shells. 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. Randy and Nola will visit both sites next week.

1. Venues-Sea Shells in Julai'a and Capthorne in Jahra.
2. Sponsorship: Randy read off a list of nine sponsors that will be recognized with plaques of appreciation.

H. **Golf Tournament/Appreciation Banquet:** Randy set the Golf Tournament at Sahara for 13 March 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.

II. New Business

A. Fill Board positions at GMM

Randy spoke of open positions and will be taking nominations for board positions at the GMM to temporarily fill until May elections next year. Patricia Patrick was nominated as 1st VP until the May election. Gae Lyn will help Patricia with membership.

B. **Education Week:** No news on this matter and it is getting too late to sponsor. Randy heard from Nola that Ms Newkirk had a date set and he will contact Jeremy to learn more.

C. **OSAC:** Dana told the group that Sal, Overseas Security Advisory Committee Chairman at the US Embassy wanted to have a part at an AUSA event to explain OSAC to our membership. Randy agreed that we can coordinate to learn how our organizations can support each other. Dana will remain the lead in this coordination.

III. Next Meeting – 4 Dec 2010 Dana's Place..

