

Kuwait Chapter  
Association of United States Army  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MINUTES  
8 January 2011

Attendees: by Board Members Randy Williams, John Homerin, Lt Travis Hawkins, Chief Nathalie Swisher (USAF), Samar Mansour, Fouzia Chamadar (Wataniya), SGM Melvin Johnson, LTC AJ Johnson, Dr. Ziyad Salim, Salem Al-Shammari, Meghan McCabe, Dana Winner, Patricia Patrick, Darden Eure, Nola Maloney, Barbara Whitaker, and Gae Lyn Anderson, TSgt Chris Ingalls, Damian, Peter Cowden, Sharon Williams, and a military driver for CMsgt Swisher.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Review Minutes**

AJ Johnson made a motion to accept December minutes, Dr. Zeyad Salim seconded and all members approved.

**B. Treasurer Report**

Randy Williams and John Homerin will close the books 20 January 2011, and will give a full report at the next AUSA meeting. There are several outstanding deposits to be made from FedEx, MPRI, and Al Shamel. Meghan indicated she will give the check to Randy. Cash will be drawn to pay for the food for the event at LSA on Monday.

**C. Review Chapter Status/Web Site**

AUSA Kuwait's score is up to 627 points. Randy commended Dana Winner for updating the AUSA Kuwait web site. Randy mentioned that the AUSA National Web Site still did not support 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. Newsletter** – the latest local AUSA Chapter newsletter was sent via email on January 3, 2011, falling before the deadline of January 7. It included thanks to the sponsors (ie: United Airlines, Gulf Group Holding, and KRH) for the Soldier of the Year at the National Convention in Washington, DC in October 2010. The GMM in January, Tournament/Banquet in March, and Memorial Day will be included in the next newsletter.

**E. One-Millionth Passenger Celebration at LSI:** preparations have been made for Monday's event with a plaque (Randy), t-shirts and DJ

(Pat), Randy will see about the food and leading the caterer to the LSA. There is a time change to 10 AM. So there is a need to be set-up before 9:30am as requested by Barbara Whitaker. Starting time is 10am, soldiers in theatre by 1100 hours. Samar will take AUSA membership forms and set-up table; Prakash from United Airlines has an iPad and iPod to be raffled off (Randy will get these items from him; Meg, Pat, and Samar will be attending Monday's event. Meg requested pics ASAP to send to Stars/Stripes; we will use an AUSA banner.

- F. GMM – January 2011** – meeting has been set to begin at 6pm; Dr. Ziyad is making the preliminary venue arrangements, and Colonel Bob Cheatham will be the featured Guest Speaker along with slides on AUSA, the Clothing Locker, and time set aside (15 minutes) for OSAC. Invitations are being sent out via Pat, and all are encouraged to bring guests. Eric has mentioned about creating AUSA Pins, and will discuss necessity and sample copy with Randy to bring to the Committee. Meg has about 10 who have RSVP'd in lieu of Kuwait's 50/20 celebration. Member table will be manned by Gae Lyn and Pat.
- G. Tournament/Appreciation Banquet:** Randy set the Tournament for 13 March. He also set the Troop Appreciation Banquet for (date omitted). We are in need of sponsors since we only have pledges for about half of what we need. Currently approximately 100 sponsors are in line to pledge and/or be contacted. There will be about 500 troops, and 100 guests including Ambassadors, Officers, and other guests/sponsors of AUSA. MWR will continue to do the raffle as last year, spearheaded by Nola; Gae Lyn, Samar, and Pat will man the welcome table at the entrance; Meg is planning a Kuwaiti-style souk for purchases if wanted; buffet will be at CM, opening ceremony at 6pm; Rania will prepare an AUSA slide presentation; and the buffet will be followed by remarks and speeches by the Featured Guests. AJ Johnson and Peter Cowden will assist inside as needed. Departure will be determined by Nola and Randy. Sponsors can set-up banners at both venues.
- H. Tournament:** The registration will begin at 6am with Darden Eure and Peter Cowden assisting George in registration. This will be followed by breakfast for about 120 soldiers, and 14 sponsors. Board members are invited to attend. There will be a mulligan table, AUSA table for membership manned by TBD. At about 7:30am the

participants will assemble at the Driving Range for the a 4-man shotgun start. There will be awards for Best player, the Longest drive, Closest to the pin, and Hole-in-one trophies. The Featured Guest Speaker will come from National, and trophies will be presented by various AUSA members. Hats, pins, balls, towels, and other Gift Bag items for tournament are to be prepared on-site at 4:30am, so Pat and Randy will contact volunteers to gather at the venue. Other sponsors to be contacted:

- ITT (Randy)
- Al Mulla (AJ)
- Housing (AJ)
- Tamimi (Pat)
- A&A Logistics (Randy)
- TXM (Dr. Zeyad)
- Fred Shuaibi (Gae Lyn)
- Pearl (Patricia)
- QNet (Nola)
- Exxon (Dana)
- Chevron (Gae Lyn)
- Fluor (Gae Lyn)
- Qwest (Dr. Zeyad)
- General Dynamics (Meg)
- Honeywell (Dr. Zeyad)
- Northrup Grumman (Meg)
- Lockheed (John)
- NBK (Samar)
- SAIC (Salem)
- Al Ghanim (Gae Lyn)
- Showtime (Samar)
- LSI(Randy)
- Al-Ahlea (TBD)
- Global Freight (Darden)
- KRH (already pledged)
- Frost (already pledged)
- Al Humazi (Dana)
- AGT (Warren – Gae Lyn)
- GKL (Pat)
- Qatar Air (Samar & Singapore)

- United/Al Shamel – (already pledged)
- Silver Chain (AJ)
- KDL (Meg – Mike Clark)
- Supply Core (Eric – Gae Lyn)
- Caterpillar (Meg)
- Taiba Hospital (Pat – Rashid Al-Mulla)
- Kharafi (Sal – Dana)
- Rotana (Dr. Zeyad)
- Griffin (need contact)
- MPRI (already pledged)
- Raytheon (already pledged)
- Agility (already pledged and paid)
- DefCon (already pledged)
- KGL (already pledged)
- Wataniya (already pledged)
- Anham (Randy– already pledged)

- I. Funding Drive is underway for the event, which needs 23,000kd to cover the expenses of both events, and annual program hosted by AUSA throughout the year including the Emergency Leave Clothing Locker. So far, there have been 12,000kd pledges from Raytheon, MPRI, Agility, Al Shamel, DefCon, Wataniya, KGL, and others Funds need to be in account by March 1, 2011 to pay event bills

## II. New Business

- A. **Trifold – AUSA brochure/application.** Pat displayed a draft trifold. Pat/Meg/Fouzia will join to modify it before the next meeting.
- B. **Calendar Update** Randy covered the upcoming dates.
- C. **Sub Chapter for Afghanistan. Randy discussed some communication from AUSA National and some AUSA members in Afghanistan about setting up an AUSA chapter in Afghanistan. The key issue will be the demands on our Treasurer. Randy asked for an assistant treasurer, but no one volunteered.**
- D. **Condolences:** Dani Saleh from the Capthorne and his wife lost their new baby recently. Pat passed around a condolence card for signatures from the Board and will carry it to him.
- E. **Fawzia of Wataniya** made a brief talk and will look to make a 5 minute presentation at the GMM. She also brought branding material for the Board.

**III. Next Meeting** – February at the US Embassy – February 7 at 4:30 pm.  
Meeting will start at 5 PM.

**March 6th Board Meeting will be at Sahara Club at 10 Am.**

**IV. Follow-up:**

Corrected Certificate of Appreciation for General Touhill for Casper & Gambinis

National Day at US E – AJ Johnson will see about a table for AUSA.

Support for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Kuwait's Liberation was discussed. We will honor some at the GMM, but have had no entrance to an event thus far as AUSA.

**Minutes by: Gae Lyn Anderson, January 8, 2011**