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Sullivan Charters Kuwait Chapter at Camp Arifjan

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AUSA will Support Deployed Soldiers, Civilians

The president of the Association of the United States Army chartered the AUSA Kuwait Chapter during a ceremony March 1 at Post Chapel Zone 1 at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait City.



Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, USA, Ret. traveled to Kuwait to officially recognize AUSA's 127th chapter and the Association's first unit in the Middle East. Sullivan also swore in the chapter officers who will lead the membership during the year. (cont.)

~News from the Chapter President~

Welcome to the Kuwait Chapter's newsletter. This is the first in what we hope will be a long series of newsletters that will be published every quarter. Our chapter has gotten off to a slow start but we are gaining momentum. We finally were able to open a local bank account after 5 months of bureaucracy. We are now ready to get serious. We recently completed our Annual Plan and Budget. We have an exciting year planned for 2006/2007 which is focused on preparing "home cooked BBQ" meals for the soldiers at the various camps and support of the Army 10 Miler in October. We could potentially have up to 15,000 runners. Our desire is to provide a T-shirt that resembles the Official T-shirt that will be issued back in Washington, DC to (cont.)

~ Spotlight on Corporate Members ~

(Each month, our chapter will focus on a different corporate sponsor / member.)

We would like to welcome new Corporate members *Arab Orient Group* and the *Al Ahlea Circle Cleaning Company*. We are very pleased to have you join the Kuwait Chapter.

Welcome our newest board member:

CSM David A. Fleming, Vice President of NCO & Soldier Support Programs is the newest member of the chapter. He comes to us from the 160th Signal Bde. *Welcome to the team !!!* CSM Fleming has a soldier in his unit that is good at setting up web sites, so we hope our AUSA chapter website will be up and running soon.

~News from the Chapter President~ (cont. from page one)

every runner. We also want to provide medals to the first three runners in each category. Funding for these items will be the issue.

On 6 June we were able to get 55 soldiers out to Ahmadi to attend the “Nunsense” play at the Kuwait Little Theater. It was a great opportunity for the soldiers to relax and have some fun. Many thanks goes to Ms. Darin Cameron, Vice President of Alshamel Travel, and Beam Thompson, our VP for Public Relations, for setting up this event.

The summer vacation time is upon us. Accordingly, we will not have an AUSA board meeting in July. We will resume with the next board meeting on 5 August.

Sullivan Charters Kuwait Chapter at Camp Arifjan (cont.)

They are: Brig. Gen. Samuel S. Thompson, USA, Ret., President; Col. Johnny Strain, 1st Vice President; David Hill, Treasurer; Lt. Col. Richard Vick, Secretary; John Homerin, Vice President, Individual Membership; Lt. Col. Stan Fugate, Vice President, Military Membership; Chris Berman, Vice President, Corporate Membership; Frank Madrigal, Vice president, Corporate Affairs; (Mrs.) Beam Thompson, Vice President, Public Relations; Command Sgt. Maj. David Fleming, Vice President, NCO and Soldier Support Programs; Ivan Welch, Vice president, special activities and projects; and Command Sgt. Maj. Fleming, vice president, soldier affairs.

Also in attendance for the chartering and swearing-in ceremony were Maj. Gen. James A. Kelly, deputy commanding general for operations, Third Army, with duty as deputy commanding general for operations, Coalition Forces Land Component Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Parks, USA, Ret., president of the Association’s European Department. The Kuwait Chapter will be part of this department.

In his remarks to the new chapter officers and members, Sullivan congratulated the soldiers and civilians who gave of their time and efforts in bringing the Kuwait Chapter into Team AUSA. Sullivan also emphasized that this new unit will make a difference to the soldiers in Kuwait and how AUSA, as the Army’s professional association, can assist them in their deployment.

Sullivan said that soldiers and civilians in Kuwait have made many sacrifices – including leaving the families, friends and loved ones behind while they fight the global war on terrorism.

“And,” he stressed, “we are all grateful for all the sacrifices you have made for our country and for our great Army.” Davies said that the Association’s network – around the world – is dedicated to serving soldiers and civilians who are serving America.

**NEWS FROM THE PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN:
“Nunsense”**

You’ve Read the Book....You’ve Seen the Movie.....And Now You’ve Seen the Play !!!

Thanks to Alshamel/SatoTravel, 55 military personnel from CFLCC, 377th TSC and ASG-Kuwait were able to attend the Kuwait Little Theatre for a performance of “Nunsense”. The five talented “nuns” presented a thoroughly entertaining evening for everyone. See photos on page 4.

**AUSA
ARMY 10
MILER**

**Camp Buehring
Scheduled for 8
October, this event
is expected to
attract about
15,000 runners.
Also occurring the
same date will be
the AUSA Army 10
Miler held at the
Pentagon.**

**Check out the AUSA
website at
www.AUSA.org and log
on with your member
number. See what other
chapters are doing.**

AUSA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Scheduled for 9 thru 11 October 2006 at the Washington Convention Center. At this time, **Chris Berman** and **Frank Madrigal** plan to attend to represent our chapter.

Farewell to the Fugates

Our VP for Military Membership, LTC Stan Fugate, and his lovely wife Christy are heading for his next assignment in Germany. Good luck to you both and thanks for your many contributions to AUSA.





Kuwaiti and American Women's Teams Hold Basketball Rematch

Thanks to the efforts of AUSA's Ivan Welch, V.P of Special Activities and Projects, Chapter #8601 was able to supply the Camp Arifjan women's team with uniforms.



Ivan learned the team was in need of uniforms and AUSA responded. The Al-Fatat Sports Club's women's team played the Camp Arifjan American Armed Forces women's team on Thursday, April 28. The game took place at the Al-Fatat Sports Club before a crowd of nearly two hundred fans and family members.

AUSA at Work

American Ambassador and Mrs. Richard LeBaron cheered on the players accompanied by U.S. Major General James A. Kelley, Kuwaiti Brigadier General Khaleel Al-Shamali, Sheikha Fareeha Al-Sabah, and Ms. Fadhila Al-Shwailan, Chairwoman of Al-Fatat Sports Club.

Ambassador LeBaron noted that the friendly match was a manifestation of the close bonds shared between the two countries, exhibited through sports.



Calendar at a Glance:

- 3 June - Monthly Meeting
- July – No Board Meeting
- 5 August – Board Meeting
- 2 September – Board Meeting
- 7 October – Board Meeting
- 8 October – Army 10 Miler- Camp Buehring
- 9 to 11 October – AUSA Nat'l Convention

AUSA is for the Soldiers

**From the Kuwait
Little Theater
production of
"Nunsense"**



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