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Chapter President's Message

Members and Friends of AUSA Kuwait:

I hope this finds everyone well. It has been a busy few months and I appreciate all your efforts in support of our deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. They truly appreciate it.

Note that I referred to all of our service members, not just soldiers. While attending the AUSA European Department board meeting and leader training in Europe in January I made the point that we support all services and a lively discussion ensued. There is a lot of support in other chapters for thinking more 'purple' or 'joint'. I have talked recently to Chris Campbell of ITT, a retired USAF officer and an Air Force Association member about how we might find ways to collaborate with them for the common good. More to follow on that.

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THE AUSA CLOTHING LOCKER

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V.P. Clothing Locker

LTC Keith Hunt

V.P. Annual Fund Raising

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V.P. Service Member

Events

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V.P. SM Family Support

Program

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V.P. OPD/NCOPD Support

Program

(New SAMC President)

V.P. ASG-KU Soldier

Outreach

CSM Don Harbin

V.P. 1st TSC Soldier

Outreach

SGM Boney

(New SGM / CSM when he
departs)

V.P. 335th TSC Soldier

Outreach

CSM Brown

AUSA - Supporting America's finest!

~News from the Chapter President~

(cont. from page one)

LTC Lorenzo Miranda and I donated a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the chapter to the Wounded Warrior Program (WWP) in January during CSM Cavazos' 100 mile fund-raising run. His support team appreciated the donation and asked me to pass their thanks to you for all for your support. Since then we have made a \$200 donation in General Gordon Sullivan's name for being our banquet guest speaker and \$___ in General Hardy's name as he retired and departed theater (the money for the latter was a donation by General Hardy and ___ after the golf tournament). Our Nation has many wounded warriors and they deserve all the support they can get for their service and sacrifice. I encourage you all to find ways to get involved personally as well.

We continue our close working relationship with the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club and what a great group of soldiers they are! I see them everywhere, supporting everything, thanks to the inspired leadership of MSG Ruby Murray and the professionalism of their group. I wish you could have seen their induction ceremony in March—it was impressive!

Thanks for your support at our annual golf tournament on 6 April. It was a huge success and especially enjoyed by our service members—they always enjoy the opportunity to get off the camps. As our main fund raiser for the year, we successfully raised the operating funds needed for our FY 2008-9 programs. Thank you also for your support of the banquet on 5 April. General Sullivan was impressed by our broad support and the effort it took to put on such a great event.

We will be expanding our service member support programs this year. I will meet with senior enlisted reps and chaplains to discuss ways we can touch families of soldiers who have crisis at home—it will take their participation and support to make it work. We will also provide support for Officer and NCO Professional Development meetings.

I need you all to do something for me: **RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!** We are on the cusp of something very big—doubling the size of the chapter this year, both individual and corporate. That is huge! (See page 6) We only need 20 more individual and 2 more corporate members on the books by the end of June (which means paperwork in by 23 June) to achieve this incredible feat. We can do it! That would make us the top chapter in all of AUSA's 122 chapters. The attention we get from that at the convention will help win more resources for our support of service members. Help us achieve this worthwhile goal by getting out there and spreading the word. Contact me if you need help or forms.

That's all I have room for in this addition. Thank you all for what you do to support our Nation and its service members during these difficult times. You, like our service members, are making a difference. When you see a service member, thank him or her for their service!

Darrell Crawford
President, AUSA Kuwait Chapter



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THE AUSA EMERGENCY CLOTHING LOCKER
AT THE LSA



Logan Vick, Eagle Scout and Vice President for the AUSA Emergency Clothing Locker at the LSA, made a big difference in the lives of service members traveling back home. Many service members deploy without civilian clothes; however, in the event they must fly home commercially on Emergency Leave they need to wear civilian clothing.

Logan's locker is neatly organized by sizes and types of clothes. With the assistance of military personnel deployed to the LSA, the locker is available 24 hours a day. Travelling service members can quickly look at the available clothes, try them on and get on their way. If there isn't something that fits the soldier, then a gift card is available for the soldiers to purchase clothes at the PX. It is a great partnership between AUSA and the soldiers.

Logan and family are in the process of departing theater as his Dad, Rich, is re-assigned. LTC Keith Hunt has taken over and asks that all donated items be clean and ready to wear when donated. He's always looking for Men's pants sizes 32-40 waist and long or short sleeve shirts. He is also in need of women's clothing sizes 6 -14. No shoes are needed as the soldiers have tennis shoes and boots with them. The locker is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week at the Ali Al Salem Life Support Area. Logan's dad, LTC Rich Vick, assisted Logan with the locker. We wish them and mother Chrystine our best wishes as they leave Kuwait this summer.



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THE AUSA ARMY 10 MILER: CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT

Camp Buehring, Kuwait - Washington, D.C. wasn't the only place to have the Army 10 Miler this past October. On October 7th, 2007, AUSA Kuwait Chapter proudly sponsored over 700 people who ran the 10 mile event at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

The event began at 0500 in order to beat the heat and everyone was across the finish line by 0730. Fun was had by all!

After the awards were given out by Mr. Tom Schneider, AUSA, MWR, and the Audie Murphy Club fired up the grills and had a BBQ lunch for the service members of Camp Buehring. AUSA looks forward to next year's 10 Miler at Camp Buehring!



MSG Ruby Murray and members of the Audie Murphy Club helped serve Camp Buehring!



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2008 AUSA ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPOSITION

**America's Army: Strength of the Nation
6-8 October 2008
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC**



The AUSA Annual Meeting, the world's largest land power forum, brings together America's Army: Active, Guard and Reserve, retirees, family members and civilians. Members and sponsors are encouraged to join Darrell Crawford at the event. Darrell would like us to be well represented so that we can have a Kuwait Chapter table at some of the luncheons and dinners. Registration will open in June and is free of charge and open to all qualified persons. Attendance at luncheons and dinners is limited to AUSA members, Sustaining Members, exhibitors and their subsidiary companies as authorized, US military personnel (active and retired), invited guests, and others who have an identifiable relationship with the US Army or AUSA. Let's enjoy the many events that make this meeting so enjoyable and informative, and make plans to enjoy the nation's capitol.



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MEMBERSHIP

*****SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS*****

**Al Ahlea Circle Cleaning Co.
Al Manshar Rotana Hotel
Al Marwad Intl. Gen. Trad. & Cont. Co.
Al Matlaa GSA for United Airlines Kuwait
Alshamel Travel and Tourism
American General Trading & Contontracting W.L.L.
Bechtel Limited-Kuwait
Chenega Southwest Asia Operations
CSA, Ltd.
Dehdari General Trading & Contracting Co. (DEH)
Granite Global Services
Gulf Group Holding
Innovative Management Techniques and Solutions (IMTAS)
Integrated Environmental Solutions
ITT Corporation, Systems Division
KBR-KUWAIT
KRH
Kuwait Dynamics Limited (KDL)
Middle East Business Solutions (MEBS)
MPRI-Kuwait
Silver Chain Company
Volvo Middle East Military Sales**

We now have 22 corporate members! We need only two more by the end of June to double the number we had at this time last year. Help me find them!

INDIVIDUAL MEMEBERSHIP: We have 197 members listed on our website as of 31 May but a few others haven't hit yet so membership is at about 200. With 20 more by the end of June we can double the goal AUSA set for us. RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!



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AUSA KUWAIT CHAPTER 2008 CALENDAR

1st Saturdays	Monthly Board Meeting
When Invited	Support to unit OPDs/NCOPDs, Organization Days & Award Ceremonies (goal: support at least one per month)
Ongoing	Clothing Locker, Ali Al Salem Life Support Area
4 July	Proposed – AUSA Participates in Independence Day celebration at Camp Arifjan and/or Camp Buehring
5 October	Sponsor Army 10 Mile Run at Camp Buehring
6-8 October	Attend AUSA National Meeting, Washington, DC
31 October	General Membership Meeting (TBD)
27 November	AUSA Thanksgiving Day Celebration For US Service Members (Hilton)

We were invited to attend the Base Support Battalion-North (BSB-N) Memorial Day Service on 26 May and several of you joined me there for that well planned and solemn event. LTG James Lovelace, USARCENT/CFLCC commander, recognized AUSA's efforts to support service members in theater and thanked us for our efforts. I passed along your thanks to him.

The President of the Officers Spouse Club-Kuwait, Mrs. Jo Amato, wife of BSB-N commander LTC Edward Amato, has since contacted me about helping MWR, USO & BSB-North Soldier Support Group to celebrate 4th of July and Christmas programs. As soon as I know more I will let you know.