



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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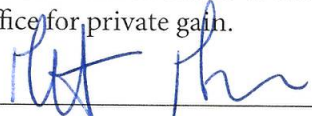
This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and **file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building**, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Garret Graves
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Carissa Joy Vanderleest Graves OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 9/27/19 Return: 10/01/19  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Beirut, Lebanon Return City: Baton Rouge, LA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Task Force for Lebanon
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please see attached itinerary
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all* attachments *and* the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
*Signify statement is true by checking the box:*   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 10/10/19



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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: American Task Force for Lebanon

2. Travel Destination(s): Lebanon

3. Date of Departure: 09/27/19 Date of Return: 10/01/19

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Garret and Carissa Graves

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$3,311.83	\$611.71	\$151.13	\$0.00
Accompanying Family Member	\$3,311.83	\$0.00	\$151.13	\$0.00

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Leslie G. Touma Date: 10/09/19

Name: Leslie Touma Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Task Force for Lebanon

*I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:*

Address: 1100 Connecticut Ave, Suite 440, Washington D.C. 20036

Telephone: 202 223 9333 Email: Leslie.touma@atfl.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.





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TRAVELER FORM

- 1. Name of Traveler: Garret Graves
- 2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: American Task Force for Lebanon
- 3. Travel Destination(s): Beirut, Lebanon
- 4. a. Date of Departure: 9/27/19 Date of Return: 10/1/19  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No **If yes:**  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Carissa Graves  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
- 6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
 Congressman Graves is a member of the U.S.-Lebanon Friendship Caucus.  
 This trip will enhance official relationships between U.S. and Lebanese officials.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member [Signature] Date 8/8/19





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## Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: American Task Force for Lebanon
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:  **OR**
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds:  **OR**
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Congressmen Darin LaHood, and Garret Graves, Congresswoman Donna Shalala (Members of US-Lebanon Friendship Caucus)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: 09/27/2019 Date of Return: DL: 10/03/19 DS: 10/02/19 GG: 10/01/19
7.
  - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
  - b. Destination(s): Beirut, Lebanon
  - c. City of return: Member districts
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  **OR**
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  **OR**
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  **OR**
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:  If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_





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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*  **OR**
  - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
See separate page. +
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  **OR**
  - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:   
 If "b" is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Host will be paying for meals. \$98 per day. +
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beirut is the Capital of Lebanon and the best location for meetings with government leaders.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hilton Beirut Downtown City: Beirut Cost Per Night: \$238  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Security and location
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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**18. Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	<b>Total Transportation Expenses per Participant</b>	<b>Total Lodging Expenses per Participant</b>	<b>Total Meal Expenses per Participant</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$4000 for Air Travel	\$1190	\$588
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$3500 for Air Travel	Included with Member	\$588

	<b>Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)</b>	<b>Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)</b>
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Leslie A. Touma Date: 7/29/19

Name: Leslie A. Touma

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Task Force for Lebanon

Address: 1100 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 1250, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: 202.223.9333

Email: leslie.touma@atfl.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

### Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

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September 24, 2019

The Honorable Garret Graves  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Lebanon,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for September 27 to October 1, 2019, sponsored by American Task Force for Lebanon.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Kenny Marchant in blue ink.

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

*12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:*

The American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL) unites Americans of Lebanese heritage to promote a secure, stable, free and sovereign Lebanon. ATFL sponsors beneficial exchanges for congressional leaders who are interested in strengthening the US Lebanon relationship. ATFL planned the itinerary for meetings with Lebanese government leaders and the US Embassy.

Nonsectarian and nonpartisan, the American Task Force for Lebanon is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization of prominent Americans of Lebanese heritage, who educate for the strengthening of the historic US-Lebanon relationship. The mission and objectives of ATFL shall always be in the best interest of the United States, and will promote the national unity, independence, and prosperity of a democratic and multi-sectarian Lebanon

The ATFL board has specified three work priorities:

- Support for the Lebanese Armed Forces and security services
- Broadening Lebanon's capacity to cope with the enormous numbers of Syrian refugees
- Protecting vulnerable Middle East religious communities

**Congressman Darin LaHood: Departure Flight: TEHQLX**

September 27, 2019	IAD-FRA	6:15pm-8:10am	LH0419
September 28, 2019	FRA-BEY	12:00pm-4:50pm	ME0218

*Return Flight*

October 3, 2019	BEY-LHR	8:10-11:15am	ME0201
October 3, 2019	LHR-MSP	12:55-4:10pm	DL0011
October 3, 2019	MSP-PIA	8:35-10:09pm	DL4168

**Congresswoman Donna Shalala: Departure Flight: SZJ4Y**

September 27, 2019	IAD-FRA	6:15pm-8:10am	LH0419
September 28, 2019	FRA-BEY	12:00pm-4:50pm	ME0218

*Return Flight*

October 2, 2019	BEY-LHR	8:10-11:15am	ME0201
October 2, 2019	LHR-MIA	12:50-5:35pm	AA0039

**Congressman Garret Graves: Departure Flight: SZJIHG**

September 27, 2019	IAD-FRA	6:15pm-8:10am	LH0419
September 28, 2019	FRA-BEY	12:00pm-4:50pm	ME0218

*Return Flight*

October 1, 2019	BEY-CDG	7:55-11:35am	ME0211
October 1, 2019	CDG-DFW	3:25-6:55pm	AA0023
October 1, 2019	DFW-BTR	8:32-9:56pm	AA3320



# AMERICAN TASK FORCE FOR LEBANON



## Schedule

### ATFL Congressional Delegation to Lebanon

September 27-October 03 2019

Updated September 23, 2019

LAF: Contact: Col. Ziad Barakat, Cell: +961 3898467

Dina Arakji: +9613014847

Ed Gabriel: (202) -744-6810 (Whatsapp)

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**\*Please Dress Casual\***

**8:30-9:15am ATFL Pre-Brief**

Location: Breakfast Room, Hilton Downtown Beirut

Contact: Ed Gabriel (202) -744-6810 (Whatsapp)

**9:30-10:00am Departure to LAF HQ**

**10:00-12:30pm LAF Special Forces Ranger Commando Regiment**

Location: Roumieh, LAF Special Forces Ranger Commando Regiment.

Contact: Col. Ziad Barakat, Cell: +961 3898467, [lafcdr.lof@army.gov.lb](mailto:lafcdr.lof@army.gov.lb); Oliver Hakme, +961 5 920 048, [strategic.att@dmi.gov.lb](mailto:strategic.att@dmi.gov.lb); BG Wassim Halaby, +961 3 343.444, [washal@army.gov.lb](mailto:washal@army.gov.lb)

**12:30-1:30pm Transit to UNIFIL**

Location: Beirut Port

Contact: Contact: Rafal Mohammed, Mobile: +961 7111 5881 Ext: 6002, [mohammedr@un.org](mailto:mohammedr@un.org)

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- 1:35-2:00pm Lunch onboard Corvette BARROSO Ship
- 2:00-3:20pm Mission, Political and staffing/budget Briefings chaired by the HOM/FC
- 3:20-3:30pm Group Photo
- 3:30-3:45pm Transit to Hotel
- 7:15pm Meet in Hotel Lobby
- 8:00-10:00pm Dinner with MP Najib Mikati
- Location: Platinum Tower, water front, Floor 27
- Contact: Suzanne El-Ali, Cell: +961 3 222 828, [selali@nmoffice1.com](mailto:selali@nmoffice1.com)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8:00am Meet in the Lobby of the Hilton Downtown Beirut
- Location: Mir Majid Arslan Street, Minet El Hosn, Beirut
- 8:15-9:15am Briefing with UNHCR Lebanon Representative
- Location: UNHCR Beirut S&K Building, Nicolas Ibrahim Sursock Street, Jnah; GPS coordinates: 33.872333, 35.491667
- Contact: Ivano Bruno: 00 +961 766 92 336, [BRUNO@unhcr.org](mailto:BRUNO@unhcr.org)
- 9:15-9:30am Travel to Jnah collective shelter
- Location: United Nations Street near Owayni Street; GPS coordinates: 33.868033, 35.487567
- 9:30-10:15am Visit collective shelter, meet with refugee families living there
- 11:15-12:15pm President Michel Aoun
- Location: Presidential Palace, Baabda
- Contact: Major Elie Mina, Office: +961 5 900 921 or +961 5 900 900, Cell: +961 3 327 661, [manae@presidency.gov.lb](mailto:manae@presidency.gov.lb)
- 1:45-2:45pm Speaker Nabih Berri
- Location: Ain El Tineh, Beirut



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Contact: Ali Hamdan, +961 3 286 897, +961 1 868 200 x 1, [aliskhamdan@gmail.com](mailto:aliskhamdan@gmail.com)

**3:15-4:30pm General Joseph Aoun**

Location: LAF Headquarters

Contact: Oliver Hakme, +961 5 920 048, [strategic.att@dmi.gov.lb](mailto:strategic.att@dmi.gov.lb); BG Wassim Halaby, +961 3 343.444, [washal@army.gov.lb](mailto:washal@army.gov.lb)

**4:30- 5:00pm Transportation to the Hotel**

**5:15- 5:45pm Meeting with Mr. Farhat Farhat**

Location: Hotel Lobby

Contact: Mr. Farhat Farhat: +961 3 501 087

**6:15-6:45pm Transportation to the US Embassy**

**6:45-10:00pm Ambassador Elizabeth Richard**

Location: US Embassy Beirut

Contact: Janice Forman, Office +961 4 543 600 x 4760, [FormanJ@state.gov](mailto:FormanJ@state.gov)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**7:50am Meet in the lobby of the Hilton Downtown Beirut**

**8:45-9:45am Jan Kubis, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL)**

Location: Villa Sehnaoui #4-Yarze, Main Road P.O. Box: 11 – 8575, Beirut, Lebanon

Contact: Jan Kubis, Office: +961 5 428051, Cell: +961 70 600232, [kubis@un.org](mailto:kubis@un.org) & Stephanie Koury, Office: ++961 5 428057, Cell: +961 70 935620 [koury@un.org](mailto:koury@un.org)

**10:30-11:30am Meeting with Entrepreneurs**

Location: Saifi, Beirut, Lebanon

Contact: Bokja, +9613975576

**12:30-1:30pm Visit with Lebanese Parliamentarians**

Location: National Assembly, Place de L'Etoile, Beirut

Contact: Yassine Jaber, Office: +961 1 808 770, Cell: +961 3 380 800, [yassine@jabergroup.com](mailto:yassine@jabergroup.com)

**1:30-3:00pm Lunch with MP Yassine Jaber and Parliamentarian Members**

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Location: Le Maillion Restaurant, Sofil Center, Achrafieh

Contact: Yassine Jaber, Office: +961 1 808 770, Cell: +961 3 380 800, [yassine@jabergroup.com](mailto:yassine@jabergroup.com)

### 4:30-5:30pm Governor Riad Salameh

Location: National Bank of Lebanon, Hamra Street facing Ministry of Interior, Bloc A Bldg, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Second Gate after bank's main entrance

Contact: Claude Hayek, +961 1 343 169, [chayek@bdl.gov.lb](mailto:chayek@bdl.gov.lb)

### 7:10pm Meet in the lobby of the Hilton Downtown Beirut

### 7:30-10:00pm Dinner hosted by James and Catherine Kassouf

Location: Kassouf Residence, Mar Takla Palace, Street 1802, Old French Embassy Street, Mar Takla, Hazmieh

Contact: For directions, contact Albert, +961 70 814 101 or +1 216 785 2580 x12

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

### 9:30am Meet in the lobby of the Hilton Downtown Beirut

### 10:00-11:00am Minister of Interior Raya al-Hassan

Location: Ministry of Interior, Hamra, Sanayeh

Contact: Major Abillama: [admin@moim.gov.lb](mailto:admin@moim.gov.lb), +961 1 751-610

### 12:00-1:00pm Minister of Social Affairs Richard Kouyoumjian

Location: Badaro, Beirut – Ministry of Social Affairs Bldg.

Contact: Nathalie Abdallah, +961 1 612870 or +961 3 632326 [nathalieabdallah.mosa@gmail.com](mailto:nathalieabdallah.mosa@gmail.com)

### 1:30-3:30pm Lunch meeting with Deputy Prime Ministry Hasbani and members of the Lebanese Forces

Location: Al Sultan Ibrahim, Beirut

Contact: Dr. Elie Hindy, +961 71 717 572, [elie.hindy@lebanese-forces.com](mailto:elie.hindy@lebanese-forces.com)

### 5:30-6:30pm Meeting with Member of Parliament Neemat Frem

Location: Hotel Lobby

Contact: Neemat Frem, +961 71 717 572



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6:30-7:30pm Conclusion and Discussion

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## ATFL-Sponsored Visit to Lebanon September 27-October 4, 2019

Note: Agenda is subject to change

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Afternoon Departure from Washington IAD – Frankfurt at 6:15pm

Flight # LH0419

*\*Please note that the departure flight is the same for all Congressional Delegation Participants\**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Afternoon Arrival to Beirut from Frankfurt FRA– Beirut at 4:00pm

Flight # ME0218

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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00-10:00am ATFL Welcome and Orientation Briefing

10:00-11:00am Transit to LAF HQ

11:00-1:00pm LAF Briefing & HQ Tour

Location: Beirut

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Purpose: Review and assess US support for Lebanese Armed Force; gather update information on current security situation and determine boundary resolution efforts by US.

**1:00-1:30pm Transit to UNIFIL**

Location: Beirut

**1:30-3:00pm Working Lunch at UNIFIL**

Purpose: Gather and update information on boundary resolution efforts by US; including border wall and other boundary markers along Blue Line and maritime boundary; evaluate UNIFIL effectiveness.

Relevant to US role in Security Council to renew UNIFIL Mandate which involves US funding; gain understanding of threat perceptions in the area south of the Litani River to Lebanon and Israel; better awareness of issue salience to local Lebanese-American constituents.

**3:00-3:30pm Transit to Hotel**

**4:30-5:30pm Briefing with Nicholas Blanford**

Location: Hilton Downtown Beirut

Purpose: He will be briefing the ATFL delegation about the current political and security situation in Lebanon as it relates to Hezbollah.

Relevant: Nicholas Blanford has been a correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor, writing on Lebanon and other areas of the Middle East, since 2002. He is an acknowledged expert on Lebanese Hezbollah, particularly the organization's evolving military activities which remained a focus of his work for two decades.

**8:00-10:00pm Honorable Ambassador Richard hosting Dinner**

Location: US Embassy Beirut

Briefing by USEMB regarding US interests in the region; threat perceptions; impact of Syrian and Palestinian refugees; military cooperation; ESF; and general state of bilateral relation.

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**8:15-10:30am UNHCR Visit**



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Location: UNHCR Headquarters, Khater Building, Dr. Philippe Hitti Street, Ramlet el Baida, Beirut

Purpose: Briefing on details of US and other donors assistance to UNHCR; assess impact of programs and projects; discuss Lebanese political trends regarding the refugees and options for US support.

Relevant to US funding for refugees, migration/repatriation issues; role of the Syrian regime; impact of Lebanese economy and if US assistance is effective; fact-finding to evaluate role of US funding for ESF, CT, and humanitarian assistance.

Site Visit Location: TBD Karolina Lindholm Billing: lindholm@unhcr.org

### **11:15-12:15pm President Michel Aoun**

Location: Baabda Palace, Beirut

Purpose: briefing: understanding how head of government sees key issues: pol/mil relations, refugees, Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms, economic development to better inform committee and subcommittee inputs on targeting aid and aid levels, terrorism designations, sanctions, and bilateral relationship; better awareness of issue salience to local Lebanese-American constituents.

### **1:00-2:00pm Prime Minister Saad Hariri**

Location: The Grand Serail, Beirut

Purpose: briefing: understanding how head of cabinet sees key issues: pol/mil relations, refugees, Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms, economic development to better inform committee and subcommittee inputs on targeting aid and aid levels, terrorism designations, sanctions, and bilateral relationship. Review US programs to assess perceptions of impact.

### **2:30-3:30pm Speaker Nabih Berri**

Location: Lebanese National Assembly, Place de L'Etoile

Purpose: briefing: understanding how head of government sees key issues: pol/mil relations, refugees, Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms, economic development to better inform committee and subcommittee inputs on targeting aid and aid levels, terrorism designations, sanctions, and bilateral relationship.

### **4:00-5:00pm General Joseph Aoun, Commander General of the Lebanese Armed Forces**

Location: LAF Headquarters

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Purpose: To gather information and perspectives on US funding and support for LAF and how US can be helpful in CT and stabilization efforts. Provide information and insights to congressional colleagues on these issues.

### **8:30-10:30pm ATFL Dinner at the Home of James and Catherine Kassouf**

Location: Residence

Purpose: The ATFL Board members and guests who reside in Lebanon will discuss the current economic, humanitarian, and security issues with the ATFL Delegation over dinner.

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

### **9:00-10:00am HE Gebran Bassil, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Overseas Communities**

Location: National Assembly, Place de L'Etoile

Purpose: Counterpart to Department of State and has broad oversight of the bilateral relationship. Also heads one of the key political parties. Provides a regional perspective on Lebanon's policies, especially interest in Iran, Syria, China, and Russia. Has strong perspectives on the refugees and responsibility of the international community. Will give the members insights on state of the bilateral relationship for input into work of committees and subcommittees.

### **10:30-11:30am Major General Abbas Ibrahim, Director General, General Directorate of General Security**

Location: Ministry of Defense, Yarze

Contact: Major Khodor Zaarour (e): [kodor.zaarour@general-security.gov.lb](mailto:kodor.zaarour@general-security.gov.lb)

Purpose: Gather information and perspectives relative to refugee issues in Lebanon and repatriation issues with Syria, CT efforts, migration concerns, and status of Internal Security Forces, which receive US support. Key contact point with Syria. Provide information and insights for congressional colleagues on these issues and inform work on subcommittees.

### **12:30-1:30pm Visit with Lebanese Parliamentarians**

Location: National Assembly, Place de L'Etoile

Host: HE Yassine Jaber, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Committee

Purpose: Heads the Lebanese equivalent of the US-Lebanon Friendship Caucus and is well-versed in the bilateral relationship. Briefing will include diverse perspectives on US-

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Lebanon ties and insights into how to build stronger ties and priorities for Parliament in dealing with key issues: security, refugees, reform, and foreign policy.

**1:30-3:30pm Lunch with HE Yassine Jaber**, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Committee

Location: TBD

Purpose: Members of the Parliament will be joining in this lunch with the ATFL Congressional Delegation to discuss diverse perspectives on US-Lebanon ties and insights into how to build stronger ties and priorities for Parliament in dealing with key issues: security, refugees, reform, and foreign policy.

**4:30-5:30pm Gov. Riad Salameh**, Governor of the Bank of Lebanon

Location: Masraf Loubnan Street, Beirut

Purpose: Key figure in managing monetary policy in Lebanon. Works closely with US Treasury Department on terrorism funding and related issues. Strong advocate of transparency and cooperation with the US and international agencies. Gain better understanding of fiscal policy formulation in Lebanon; relations with Treasury; prospects for further collaboration; options to strengthen the country's fiscal policies. Provide information and insights for congressional colleagues on these issues and inform work on subcommittees.

**7:30-10:00PM ATFL Dinner at the Home of the Lebanese Member of Parliament Najib Mikati**

Location: Residence

Purpose: The ATFL Delegation will discuss the current economic, humanitarian, and security issues with a Lebanese Parliament Member over dinner.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**10:00-11:00am Minister of Interior Raya al-Hassan**

Location: Ministry of Interior, Hamra, Sanayeh

Contact: Major Abillama: [admin@moim.gov.lb](mailto:admin@moim.gov.lb) , +9611751610

Purpose: key ministry cooperating with US on CT operations in the region; gain overview of key challenges from ISIS, al-Qaeda, and other groups. Also key player in refugee affairs and interface with Syria.

**12:00-1:00pm HE Richard Kouyoumjian**, Minister of Social Affairs

Location: Location: National Assembly, Place de L'Etoile



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Purpose: Gain perspectives on domestic stability, impact of refugees, ESF support for Lebanese NGOs and CSOs, additional areas where US can be helpful. Information will be helpful to multiple subcommittees that review/define US ESF and other support to Lebanon.

### **2:00-3:00pm ATFL Delegation Lunch**

Location: Jounieh en route to Patriarch meeting

Purpose: ATFL delegation meeting to assess the most impactful delegation briefings related to the refugees, security and economic situation.

### **4:00-5:30pm Patriarch Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi**

Location: Maronite Patriarchate, Bkerke

Purpose: Heads the largest Christian/Catholic congregation in Lebanon. A significant political as well as religious leader. Will provide insights into the community's priorities and concerns, and how the US can be helpful. Important information for subcommittees with concern for Christians, religious freedom, interfaith initiatives, and general civic health of Lebanon.

### **6:00-7:30pm Deputy Prime Minister Ghassan Hasbani; Dr. Samir Geagea, Leader of the Lebanese Forces Party**

Location: Headquarters of the Lebanese Forces, Maarab

Purpose: Meet with major opposition leader (Christian) to discuss impressions of the bilateral relationship, assessment of impact of US support for Lebanon, debate on the refugees, reform possibilities, general cohesion of the society, and effectiveness of LAF. These opinions will provide insights to decision-making and policy formulation at committee and subcommittee levels; and greater awareness of issues to local Lebanese-American constituents.

### **9:30pm Return to Hotel**

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

### **Early AM Return flights to Members Districts from BEY**

**\*Congressman Graves departs on October 1, 2019**

**\*Congresswoman Shalala departs on October 2, 2019**

**\*Congressman LaHood departs on October 3, 2019**

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