



**Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter
Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution**



20 January 2024

Meeting Minutes

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The regular bimonthly meeting of the Enemund Meullion Chapter of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution was held at Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site in Pineville, LA.

President Mike Lee called the meeting to order with fourteen members and thirteen guests in attendance. Lee welcomed everyone and asked for an introduction of guests.

Chaplain Clyde Neck opened the meeting with the Invocation and then Sue Lee of Loyalty Chapter DAR led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gervais Compton led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Lee presented Vice President Eric Irby, our guest speaker, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on the history of Revolutionary War artillery. *A Treatise of Artillery* by John Muller was the most influential work on artillery published in English during the second half of the eighteenth century. It was studied by British and American artillery officers. American craftsmen constructed gun carriages and mortar beds from the schematic drawings in the *Treatise*. In fact, Irby used a drawing of a British artillery piece to build his howitzer that he brought to demonstrate after the meeting. Irby also brought examples of other types of artillery ordnance, such as grape shot and canister shot.

President Lee read the biography of Sgt. Brandon Spillman provided by Capt. Reggie Sanders of the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office. Lee presented Sgt. Spillman with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and the SAR Life Saving Medal.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

Secretary Brent Morock reported that the current chapter account balance is \$2503.54. He stated that the chapter has 72 members, including 2 Dual Members. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the report.

In Committee Reports, James Morock, Sr., M.D. "Dr. Morock", stated that committee members met on January 10, 2024, at Broken Wheel Brewery in Marksville, LA, to discuss future awards and the marking of graves. Kenneth Gremillion's and Dr. James DeLee's graves are next to be marked. Permission from family members will be sought. A Bronze Meritorious Service Medal and at least one Flag Certificate were approved to be awarded. President Lee will look into awarding Mike Lawton of Holiday Village Fire Department posthumously with the Fire Safety Medal.

The Chapter Bylaws still need to be updated. Corrections and additions will be made and sent to Henley Hunter for review and approval.

Dr. Morock once again talked about America's First Medals Set (1973) – a donation for the Enemund Meullion Chapter to raise funds for LASSAR's contribution toward the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans, LA. \$20 per ticket grants you a chance to win the item.

Tony Vets presented the Oliver Pollock lapel pin, one of the LASSAR's fundraiser items. \$25, cash or check, for LASSAR is the cost of pin.

LASSAR President Randall Domingue inducted the 2024 Officers – President Gervais Compton, Vice President Darrell Poole, Secretary-Registrar-Treasurer Brent Morock, and Chaplain Clyde Neck.

Outgoing President Lee presented incoming President Gervais Compton with his new President Ribbon Set. Teresa Compton helped adjust the ribbon around her husband's neck.

President Gervais Compton presented Past President Mike Lee with his Past President's pin and the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal.

As his first order of business, President Compton asked those assembled to consider changing the name of the chapter by adding "Dr." before Enemund Meullion Chapter. A motion was made, seconded and passed for this long overdue change.

A list of potential names of the chapter newsletter was circulated for the membership to vote on while the meeting continued. The *Rapides Post Dispatch* was the name chosen and the newsletter will be published by Joe Reynolds.

A date for Turner Bynum's grave marking has not be formally set, but it is desired that the ceremony takes place after proper notification of the LASSAR Color Guard and preferably when the weather is warmer (March-April) but not too hot (Summer).

Vice President Cheryl Morock of the LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary asked the membership if they enjoyed the meal. The price will have to increase a few dollars. Morock also passed the hat to collect money to pay for the chapter's 2024 April LASSAR Silent Auction items.

The next meeting will be March 16th at Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site.

Joe Reynolds asked if there were any questions about the chapter website: <https://www.emclassar.org>. The quarterly newsletter will be published next month and will be available on the website. If Officers do not like their pictures on the Officers' page, Reynolds would like to be provided with a picture.

Pat Ryan asked if there was a genealogy chart available for potential members to fill out for membership. Information will be emailed to him later.

Past President Lee asked for a picture of Past Presidents to take place after the meeting. Past Presidents James Morock, Sr., M.D., Pat Ryan, Mike Sawrie, Mike Lee, and new President

Gervais Compton posed for a photo after the meeting. Thomas EBarb and Tony “Bo” Vets II were not in attendance.

Marlene Sawrie asked for the LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary to be formally added to the agenda.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Neck offered a closing prayer and President Compton led the SAR Recessional.

Brent Morock

Secretary