

## Enemund Meullion Chapter Louisiana Society 21 January 2023 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 thirteen members and three guests in attendance. Lee welcomed everyone and introduced guests.

James Morock, Sr., M.D. ("Dr. Morock"), opened the meeting with the Invocation. President Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance and then LASSAR President Jeff Nolen led the Pledge to the SAR.

Compatriot Darrell Poole, Ph.D. discussed George Washington's Crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas evening in 1776. Washington's aim was to conduct a surprise attack on the Hessian garrison of 1300 to 1400 soldiers in and around Trenton, New Jersey. Three crossings were initially planned with Washington's 2400 troops and two other groups were to cross to distract the Hessian forces. The crossing occurred about ten miles north of Trenton from Pennsylvania. Winter conditions made it a monumental task with not only troops but also horses, cannon, and ammunition to transport across the river. Once on the other side, Washington's forces battled the Hessian soldiers and won the pivotal Battle of Trenton on December 26th that further advanced the American cause for independence. A Q&A session commenced after the presentation. President Lee presented Poole with a Certificate of Appreciation and a LASSAR mug for his talk.

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

In Treasurer Carlos Mayeux, Jr.'s absence, Secretary/Registrar Brent Morock reported that the current chapter account balance is \$4,435.27, about \$1500 is earmarked for the April 15th LASSAR Annual Meeting and Banquet. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report.

In Vice President Gervais Compton's report, he said that he enjoyed his time serving under two Presidents and being able to stand in the President's role when necessary.

LASSAR President Nolen gave a State of the LASSAR report. All four Presidents of the Southern District are now committed to holding the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans. Dignitaries will be scouting hotels in preparation of the event. Nolen mentioned holding annual fundraisers to fund the 2027 NSSAR Congress. A \$3 surcharge was added to the 2024 Annual Dues to help defray the expense.

In Committee Reports, Dr. Morock stated that the chapter still has half a dozen awards to present to Law, Fire, and EMS recipients. He will also check for other nominees. A Flag Certificate was awarded to Texas Roadhouse. A Fire Awardee rescheduled for the March meeting. A Law Awardee will be awarded later.

Dr. Morock discussed the particulars of the April LASSAR Annual Meeting and banquet. April 14th is a meet & greet. April 15th is the morning meeting, grave marking in Rapides Cemetery, and evening cocktail hour/banquet. Registration forms are available at the front of the room. Enemund Meullion Chapter is the host chapter for the conference at the Hotel Bentley.

For membership, four applications have been sent to LASSAR Registrar Tony Vets.

LASSAR President Nolen installed the 2023 Officers – President, Mike Lee; Vice President, Eric Irby; Secretary/Registrar, Brent Morock. Treasurer, Carlos Mayeux, Jr.; Chaplain, Clyde Neck were absent.

Cheryl Morock discussed the current catering situation. The chapter voted to keep it simple and to stick with sandwiches. She also discussed the April LASSAR Annual Raffle. Proceeds from the raffle go to Youth Awards. The hat was passed for collection of the chapter's contribution to the raffle.

In announcements, President Lee stated that the next committee meeting will be on February 7th at 5 PM at Spirits. The next chapter meeting will be on March 18th at 11:30 AM at the Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site in Pineville, LA.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. Dr. Morock offered a closing prayer and then Vice President Eric Irby led the SAR Recessional.

Brent Morock

Secretary