



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



16 March 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 Gervais Compton called the meeting to order with twelve members and seven guests in attendance. Compton welcomed everyone and asked for an introduction of guests.

Chaplain Clyde Neck opened the meeting with the Invocation and then Vice President Darrell Poole, Ph.D., led the Pledge of Allegiance. Taylor Thompson led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Compton read the biography of Jim Rogers, Ph.D., our guest speaker. Compton presented Rogers with a Certificate of Appreciation and a LASSAR mug for his presentation on President James K. Polk. Rogers traced Polk's ancestry from Scotland to Tennessee and recounted Polk's life story. Polk's grandfather Ezekiel was a Colonel in the SC Militia. His father Samuel was a farmer, a surveyor, and a county judge in Maury County, TN. Samuel's home was open to guests, one of which was Andrew Jackson. James Polk studied law under renowned lawyer Felix Grundy and married Sarah Childress from a prominent Nashville family. He was elected Speaker of the House, Governor of Tennessee, and President of the United States.

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 \$2,591. He stated that the chapter has 72 members, including 2 Dual Members. 6 Supplemental applications are at National.

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 Good Citizenship and a Fire Safety Award may be presented at the next meeting. A Law Enforcement Award is pending, waiting for more information on the awardee. Dr. Morock is still contacting EMS Directors and asked the membership to keep looking for new members.

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

President Compton and 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 at a drawing later this year.

President Compton asked those in attendance to sign the Declaration of Independence after the meeting.

Aubrey Birinyi was awarded a certificate and a \$50 check for winning the chapter's Americanism Poster Contest. Her topic was the Battle of Lexington & Concord – the shot heard round the world – and how the shot continues through history. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect the poster as the chapter winner and to submit this poster to the LASSAR Americanism Poster Contest.

Pat Ryan suggested that members can talk about their ancestors at future meetings.

A date for Turner Bynum's grave marking in Rapides Cemetery has been set for May 4th. President Compton suggested that Joe Reynolds put this information on the chapter website and in the newsletter.

For those attending the April 12th-13th LASSAR Annual Meeting and Banquet, 3 grave markings are scheduled. On April 12th at 3PM in Opelousas at St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery, 5 Patriots will be honored. On April 13th at 1 PM in Washington at Yellow Fever Cemetery and at 2 PM in Opelousas at St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery, 11 more Patriots will be honored.

Vice President Cheryl Morock of the LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary stated that the donations at the last meeting paid for the chapter's auction items – 4 gumbo bowls and platters – at the April 13th LASSAR Annual Auction to support the LASSAR Youth Awards program.

Vice President Poole mentioned the sign that Dr. Morock brought to the meeting for Mike Lee's ice chest – \$3 for Heineken, \$2 for lesser beer.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 AM on May 18th at Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site in Pineville, LA. The July 20th meeting will be at 11:30 AM at Broken Wheel Brewery in Marksville, LA.

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