



**Enemund Meullion Chapter
Louisiana Society
21 October 2023
Meeting Minutes**

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Prior to the business meeting, ten members and four guests attended the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Enemund Meullion's gravesite in Rapides Cemetery. President Mike Lee read the biography of Meullion before wreaths from the Natchitoches Chapter, the LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary, and the Enemund Meullion Chapter were placed beside the grave.

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 eleven members and four guests in attendance. Lee welcomed everyone and asked for an introduction of guests.

Mike Sawrie opened the meeting with the Invocation and then Darrell Poole, PhD, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gervais Compton led the Pledge to the SAR.

Lee presented Sawrie with a Certificate of Appreciation for presiding over the September 16th meeting.

Secretary Brent Morock reported that the current chapter account balance is \$4,434.25. He stated that the chapter has 77 members.

James Morock, MD, pointed out the America 250 Chapter Flag in the room and then discussed one of the vignettes from mountvernon.org about the Battle of Yorktown.

A reproduction of the Declaration of Independence was displayed on a table as part of a NSSAR 2026 project to collect signatures from dignitaries. Morock asked that the SAR members sign the back of it after the meeting's conclusion. The document will be sent across the state for additional signatures obtained by the other LASSAR chapters. James Morock, MD, recommended that the SAR members sign the Declaration as we are descendants of the Patriots.

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

Marlene Sawrie asked about the SAR Dues increases this year – \$15 increase from \$35 to \$50 for NSSAR Dues. A \$3 assessment will apply to the \$15 LASSAR Dues, making them \$18, through 2027 when the Southern District will host the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans, LA.

James Morock, MD, asked the membership to continue to look for new members. He will contact officials for future Public Service awardees. He may have a potential Life-Saving awardee from Marksville, LA.

Marlene Sawrie mentioned the Alexandria VA Hospital in Pineville, LA, is planning to have a Veterans Day Parade. Mike Sawrie said that he would be using his old truck in the parade. Darrell Poole, PhD, and his son Darrell Poole, Jr., stated that they had a trailer that can be used if chapter members will be attending and asked if we had a banner. Tony Vets said that he had a LASSAR banner that can be used.

Mike Sawrie talked about Richard Moran's Louisiana Maneuvers and Military Museum at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, LA. Moran has a project to collect at least a thousand names on wall plaques of ancestors that have fought in wars.

Cheryl Morock has discovered a more efficient way to make sandwiches for the meeting. In consideration of returning to a catered meal in 2024, two options were discussed. Our past caterer effectively priced herself out of the running. The second option of Robin that caters meals at the Exchange Club will increase the cost of meals at least \$5 from \$10 to \$15, even without a salad. Desserts will still be made by Christy Poole. A brief discussion was made about checking prices at Subway. Then a motion was made, seconded, and passed to continue with sandwiches made by Morock at the November meeting.

Mike Sawrie of the Nominating Committee appointed by President Mike Lee presented the proposed slate of 2024 Officers Nominations. Lee read the nominations – President, Gervais Compton; Vice President, Darrell Poole, PhD; Secretary / Registrar / Treasurer, Brent Morock; and Chaplain, Clyde Neck. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the 2024 Nominations. The slate of Officers was elected by acclamation and will be installed at the January meeting.

Tony Vets presented LASSAR Past President Jeff Nolen's donation – America's First Medals Set (1973) – for the Enemund Meullion Chapter to raise funds for LASSAR's contribution toward the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans, LA. The set was created by the US Mint to commemorate the Battles of the American Revolution. \$20 a ticket for the raffle was decided on for a chance at winning the item.

A Bylaws update and review needs to be done. They were last updated in 2014. Once changes are made, Henley Hunter will review the Bylaws.

A memorial marker for Turner Bynum has been produced to place in Rapides Cemetery. The idea was originally to have a ceremony in October, but it will most likely be in January or later. Two memorial ceremonies – one in Washington, LA, and the other in Opelousas, LA, will happen next Saturday, October 28, to honor 41 Galvez Expedition Patriots buried in those cemeteries. Everyone is invited.

In announcements, LASSAR President Randall Domingue has been invited to install 2024 Officers at the January 20th meeting.

Lee stated that the next chapter meeting will be on Nov 18th at 11:30 AM at Forts Randolph and Buhlow Visitors Center in Pineville, LA. A committee meeting originally planned for November will be pushed to a later date.

General John Bordelon offered remarks about the Israel– Hamas War.

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

Sawrie offered a closing prayer and then Tony Vets led the SAR Recessional.

Brent Morock

Secretary