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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER** by A. Gervais Compton, Jr.

Compatriots, Ladies Auxiliary Members, and Friends



Let me begin by thanking each of you for your support in this Presidency. It is indeed an honor to serve the Chapter named for my patriot ancestor. I am looking forward to working with you all in the coming year and ask for your input for improvements and additions to the Chapter.

This year, as in every year, lets continue to work on adding new members as well as getting previous members reinstated. I think we all know someone, that for whatever reason, has fallen off the rolls—Let's get them back! At last count, we had seventy-six members. Let's shoot for an even one hundred!

In closing, let me remind everyone the meetings will start on time—11:30A.M. Please be ready to go in order for the meeting to move along in an orderly fashion. The next chapter meeting will be held on March 16, 2024 at The Forts Randolph & Buhlow Historic Site. Look forward to seeing you there!

A. Gervais Compton, Jr. President Enemund Meullion Chapter

# SAR MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

### **NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Fort Randolph Visitors Center 135 Riverfront Street Pineville, LA

> **Spring Leadership Training** February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Brown Hotel, 335 W Broadway Louisville, KY

Louisiana Society Annual Convention April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Hilton Garden Inn 2350 West Congress Street Lafayette, LA, 70506

### 134th Sons of the American Revolution Congress

July 10 – 16, 2024 Lancaster Marriott Penn Square 25 N Queen Street Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### **Fall Leadership Training**

Thursday, October 3rd – 6th, 2024 The Galt House Hotel 140 North 4th Street Louisville, Kentucky, 40202

### **Spring Leadership Training**

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 The Galt House Hotel Page 2

140 North 4th Street Louisville, Kentucky, 40202



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## Larry Joe Reynolds

Alexandria, LA Patriot: Lieutenant William Reeve Prince William County, Virginia Militia (Dual Member with Ark-La-Tex Chapter)

#### Paul Vincent Birinyi, M.D.

Alexandria, LA Patriot: Private Michael Fleenor Washington County, Virginia Militia



# **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

## BIRTHDAY

February 3	Cole Andrew Depp
	Jameson Owen Clark
	Carlos Anthony Mayeux Jr
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Philip Stagg Jr.
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wesley Elliott Slipman
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Marvin Lee Smith
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jared Scott Guillory
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Gremillion
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Waylon Bryan Price
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ronald Andrew Slipman MD
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Thomas Gonzales III
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	August Churchill Webster
	Joe Edmond O'Quin
	Randy Paul DeCuir
	Charles Anthony Owen
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Glenn Paul Armand
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	David Paul Manning
	Grayson Thomas Clark
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chance Adams Rabalais
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Vincent Birinyi M.D.
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christina Birinyi

#### **SAR Anniversary**

February 06, 2012 ..... Glenn Paul Armand

February 11, 2014	4Charles Clifford Neal
February 29, 2010	5Joe Edmond O'Quin
	7James Gloyd Earles III
February 28, 2017	7John Fredrick Earles
February 28, 2017	7 Daniel Philip Stagg Jr.
	Kooch Michael Sawrie (Ret.)
March 25, 2014	Benjamin Lawrence Vets
	COL David Henry Gremillion
	Jackson Joseph Vets
	Patrick William Ryan
	Donald Douglas Depp Jr.
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	Grayson Thomas Clark
	Jameson Owen Clark
	LTC Harold Thomas Gonzales Jr.
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	Paul Vincent Birinyi M.D.

# EDITOR'S NOTE

Compatriot,

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter. Although I have enjoyed publishing it, I hope that you can see that it will truly be a lot of work for just one man. Therefore, I am asking each one of you to think of something that you can contribute to it each quarter, that way, it can truly be "Our" newsletter.

The first thing that I'm going to ask you to contribute is you and your wife's birth and anniversary date, I do not need the year, just the month and day. The next thing that I'm asking for is your Patriot Ancestor's Name, Rank, Unit or Service that he performed for the American Revolution.

I'm next going to ask you to write a short story about your Patriot Hero so that I can include it in a future issue of our newsletter. I was fortunate that someone else had done the research on my ancestor, not only by book, but also by making a

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movie. You don't have to follow in my footsteps, you can just write a few short paragraphs.

Any time you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at: Joe.Reynolds@larryjoereynolds.com Or (318) 691-2844.

Joe



(answers on page 9)



1. What are the two places that the "shot heard 'round the world" refer to?

- a. Lexington and Boston
- b. Lexington and Concord
- c. Boston and Trenton
- d. Concord and Trenton

2. Who was the British King during the war?

- a. George III
- b. William IV
- c. Edward VIII
- d. George II



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 craftsman 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.



Guest Speaker VP Eric Irby Certificate of Appreciation

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.



Sgt. Brandon Spillman Life Saving Medal with Capt. Reggie Sanders

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.



Officer Induction by LASSAR President Randall Domingue - Chapter President Gervais Compton, VP Darrell Poole, Secretary-Registrar-Treasurer Brent Morock, Chaplain Clyde Neck

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



Chapter President Gervais Compton awarding Past President Mike Lee with his Past President's pin and 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: <u>https://www.emclassar.org</u>. 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



BATTLES FOUGHT JAN - MAR

Jan-Mar 1777	Forage War
Jan 1, 1776	Burning of Norfolk
Jan 2, 1777	Second Battle of Trenton
Jan 2, 1782	Battle of Videau's Bridge
Jan 2, 1783	Action of 2 January 1783
Jan 3, 1777	Battle of Princeton
Jan 6, 1781	Battle of Jersey
	Battle of Mobile
	Action of 8 January 1780
	Capture of Trincomalee
	2 Siege of Brimstone Hill
Jan 15, 1782	Action of 15 January 1782
	Battle of Cape St. Vincent
	Battle of Cowpens
	Battle of Millstone
Jan 22, 1783	Action of 22 January 1783
Jan 22-Feb 5, 1782.	Capture of Demerara and
Essequibo	
	Battle of Saint Kitts
	Battle of Cowan's Ford
	Battle of Beaufort
	Battle of Young's House
	Capture of Sint Eustatius
Feb 11, 1780	Battle of Van Creek
Feb 14, 1779	Battle of Kettle Creek
	Action of 15 February 1783
	Battle of Sadras
	Action of 17 February 1783
	Capture of Montserrat
	Siege of Fort Vincennes
	Battle of Haw River
	Battle of Wambaw
	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge
Mar–Nov, 1780	San Juan Expedition

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	Battle of the Rice Boats
Mar 2–14, 1780	Battle of Fort Charlotte
Mar 3, 1779	Battle of Brier Creek
Mar 3-4, 1776	Battle of Nassau
Mar 6, 1781	Battle of Wetzell's Mill
Mar 7, 1778	Battle of Barbados
	Battle of Punk Hill
Mar 8, 1782	Gnadenhütten massacre
	Siege of Pensacola
Mar 15, 1781	Battle of Guilford Court House
Mar 16, 1781	Battle of Cape Henry
Mar 16, 1782	Battle of Roatán
	Action of 16 March 1782
Mar 18, 1778	Battle of Quinton's Bridge
Mar 22, 1782	Battle of Little Mountain
Mar 25, 1776	Battle of Saint-Pierre
Mar 29-May 12, 178	30 Siege of Charleston

#### January 17, 1781



Having been sent out to defeat General Daniel Morgan, on January 17th Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton catches up with his quarry at a place the Locals called the Cowpens. The forces are equally numbered, but Morgan chose this place for the battle, which commences early in the morning as Tarleton orders his Dragoons to engage the front line of Morgan's troops. The Dragoons however were beaten off, forcing Tarleton to launch an assault with his infantry.

Tarleton's troops were exhausted and needed rest. Tarleton however expected them to easily disburse the Patriots, which he believed were only militia. The American line however had orders - two volleys and then retire to the right. The British mistake the repositioning of the Americans as a rout and ran forward straight into Morgan's awaiting regulars. The Militia then circled the battlefield and engaged from the left with devastating effect. The British forces collapsed with 100 killed and 229 wounded while an additional 600 are captured. The American losses total only 12 killed and 60 wounded.

Tarleton, his legion destroyed, fled the field to report the disaster to General Cornwallis.

How does one inform his superior that he has lost 17% of his troops?



# TRUTHS ABOUT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION!



## The Winter at Valley Forge

Imagine spending a winter in a makeshift hut with no central heating, scant food supplies, and threadbare clothing. That was the reality for Washington's troops during the infamous winter at Valley Forge in 1777-78. Frostbite and disease were as much a threat as the British, and yet, they endured. Your thermostat suddenly doesn't seem so uncooperative, does it?

**Fun Fact:** Did you know that during this winter, a Prussian military officer named Baron Friedrich von Steuben arrived at Valley Forge and helped train the Continental Army, significantly improving their military skills and discipline?



# OUR AMERICAN PATRIOTS



Hans Heinrich (John Henry) Felder 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather of Compatriot Larry Joe Reynolds

In the early settlement of Orangeburg Township, the names of a multitude of Swiss immigrants made up the rolls of the newly arrived lot. Optimistic with the prospect of a new life, the Swiss arrivals hoped to mimic the success of other Swiss townships in the new Carolina like Purrysburg on the Savannah. One of the arriving hopefuls was Swiss immigrant Hans Heinrich (John Henry) Felder. Felder was one of the several boatloads of German and Swiss natives to come to the area of current day Orangeburg in the 1730's.



By 1747, Felder had begun to lay his roots in the area near St. Matthews Parish. Felder began a family by

marrying Mary Elizabeth Shaumloffel and fathering seven sons. The roots took even greater hold as Felder served as Justice of the Peace and Justice for the Quorum in the area. In 1763, Felder remarried and added another five children to his household. A good number of deeds and other civic documents attest to Felder's role in the post-settlement era of Orangeburg district. Felder had cut his own little niche in the new America and was making the most of it. However, the last third of the 18th century would force the father of twelve to consider issues that lie beyond the confines of his home district.

In 1775, the Crown responded to rising malcontent in the Colonies by ordering the blockade of the port of Boston. In the fallout from this and other actions, Felder joined fellow Independence minded "Whigs" in enforcing the Continental Association. The rather matter of fact name of the organization says little of its importance. The Association was one of the first steps in severing the ties with the British Crown and called for the dissolution of ties with the King. In 1775, Felder joined fellow "Patriots" in being elected to join the Second Provincial Congress from St. Matthews Parish. While a member of the body, the now historic Constitution for the Independent South Carolina was passed. There was no doubting where Henry Felder stood in the coming Revolution. The Swiss would cast his lot with the Independence movement.

Felder's initial participation in the war was in supplying the fledgling Whig government with much needed Gunpowder. However, the Swiss would not allow his role to be that of just collaborator. Felder enlisted the help of his seven sons and others as a militia company for the area. Felder held the rank of Captain of the Whig body. As in most cases of these "Americans versus Americans" scraps in the South Carolina backcountry, few official records survive. Colonel Paul Felder recounted an old Barnwell district native telling him of whipping a Tory detachment at Holman's Bridge on the South Edisto River while a member of Felder's company.

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Apparently in some of the forays John Felder (Henry's son) was captured and later shot down while escaping from his British captors. The exact facts or validity of the fight at Holman's bridge is uncertain, however they were hardly uncharacteristic of most of the fighting that Felder would have seen in his district. Many a scrape occurred in the South Carolina countryside. There were no scarlet coats blazing in the sun or grand armies in these scrapes. Mostly personal encounters of a few adversaries and small skirmishes. Orangeburg Historian Alexander Salley noted only that Felder's company was probably a member of Colonel Rowe's regiment of South Carolina militia.

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Dr. James DeLee, 93, entered into eternal life with Jesus Christ on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, LA.

James was born on May 15, 1930 in Jackson, LA to Thomas Kernan DeLee and Rosa Spillman DeLee. He grew up as the youngest of eleven siblings with nine brothers and one sister. He spent much of his childhood working on the family farm and playing checkers. After a long day of work, he and his brothers would cool off by swimming in Thompson Creek. He showed an aptitude for intellectual achievement at an early age and continued to pursue education his entire life. He graduated from Julius Freyhan High School in St. Francisville, LA in 1947. He attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in vocational agriculture in 1951 and a Master of Education in administration in 1956. He attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks while serving in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He went on to earn his Doctorate in educational administration and supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1970.

DeLee is survived by the love of his life, Catherine Eugenia Puerta DeLee. Their relationship started over a cup of coffee in the LSU Union and became a lifelong journey of mutual love, respect and admiration that inspired everyone they encountered. They were married on August 10, 1957 at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Dequincy and they recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. They had three children: Rosalin DeLee Gregory of Alexandria; James Anthony DeLee and wife Wanda Schexnayder DeLee of Collinsville, Mississippi; and Cathy Jo DeLee Martin and husband Carey Martin of Waco, Texas, along with twelve grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents (named above), a great grandson, Mark Anthony Huff, and all of his ten siblings: Thomas Kernan DeLee Jr., Daniel Webster DeLee, John Rufus DeLee, Arthur DeLee, Abraham DeLee, Isaac DeLee, Jacob DeLee, Rosa DeLee Kent, Andrew DeLee and Samuel DeLee.

He had many interests and hobbies. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and was known for organizing football games with his grandchildren that frequently ended in a tie. He often challenged his children and grandchildren to a game of checkers. He never tired of chatting and discussing politics with his friends and family. He truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures like

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traveling with his wife, drinking coffee, reading, praying, studying the Bible, square dancing and watching the news. He was very active and could often be found working outside. He cared for God's creation through planting trees and gardening. His yard was always meticulously cared for.

He was passionate about learning and teaching. He spent his life imparting his knowledge to others, and he endeavored to inspire everyone he encountered to realize their educational goals. His professional experiences were numerous.

He began his career as an adult education teacher in Plaquemines and East Baton Rouge Parishes. He taught junior high math and science in Calcasieu Parish. He was an associate professor of elementary education at Louisiana College, and he was the director of student teaching at McNeese State University. DeLee served in the Louisiana State Department of Education as a supervisor of elementary schools and later as the director of teacher education and certification.

He relocated and made Alexandria his home in 1975 when he accepted a position at LSU-Alexandria as the assistant dean of admissions and academic affairs. He served in various positions during his 15year tenure at LSU-A including acting dean and chief academic officer, professor of education, and the coordinator of the LSU Baton Rouge Graduate Program. He retired from LSU-A in 1990. He then became the Alexandria area graduate education coordinator for Northwestern State University from 1990 to 1995. He also owned and operated the Louisiana Real Estate School in Alexandria. During his extensive career, he authored a number of books and his expertise, knowledge and research were published in numerous educational periodicals and pamphlets.

DeLee was a United States Army Veteran and he proudly served in the HQ 4th Infantry during the Korean Conflict. He received a National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal during this time.

He was a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church where he served throughout the years as a Deacon and a Sunday School Teacher. He was a member of several organizations including the Louisiana Association of Teacher Educators, Sons of the American Revolution, Alexandria Lions Club, Phi Delta Kappa, the Masonic Lodge, El Karubah Shriners and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. James Lee, registered on 26 Apr 1974. He was a Charter member and Past President /Secretary /Treasurer (Jan 1, 1990-December 31, 1991) of the then Alexandria Chapter, changed to Enemund Meullion Chapter in 1997.



"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." - First Annual Address to Congress, January 8, 1790



# **COLONIAL TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. What are the two places that the "shot heard 'round the world" refer to?

Answer: b. Lexington and Concord

These two battles were the first time that the colonists and British troops engaged in a battle. It is known as the "shot heard 'round the world" because the whole world was waiting to see what would happen next with the rebel colonists.

2. Who was the British King during the war? Answer: a. George III

King George III was the third British monarch from the House of Hanover.



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