



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



20 July 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 Broken Wheel Brewery in Marksville, LA.

President Gervais Compton called the meeting to order with ten 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 Al Pitts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Compton led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Compton introduced Compatriot Charles Riddle III, our guest speaker. Riddle discussed his upcoming book about the Flood of 1927. His grandfather Charles Riddle I was the Chairman of the Avoyelles Parish Chapter Red Cross during the time of the flood. Photos and documents were re-discovered after Hurricane Gustav passed through Marksville in August 2008. Riddle also recounted his ancestry from the Robert, Tanner, and Riddle families. Compton presented Riddle with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

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 \$2,555.50. He stated that the chapter has 72 members. 3 Supplemental applications are still at National since 14 August 2023; 1 since 18 September. Compatriots can honor additional Patriot Ancestors with Supplemental applications.

In Committee Reports, James A. Morock, Sr., M.D. "Dr. Morock" stated that two deceased members' graves need to be marked. He is trying to get nominations from various chiefs and directors for public service and heroism awards. When the Awards Committee meets again is up to President Compton and does not need to be set today.

For those members that did not see the April-June edition of the Rapides Post Dispatch, the chapter newsletter, Secretary Morock pointed out events mentioned in President Compton's Corner report. Captain Turner Bynum of the Greensville County, VA, Militia was honored with a memorial marker dedication on 4 May 2024 with 13 attendees, at least 5 chapters and the Ladies Auxiliary presented wreaths. On May 8th, the Morocks presented a Flag Certificate to Critics Choice in Alexandria, LA. Not reported in the newsletter – 4 Bronze JROTC Awards were delivered in April to senior instructors of the area high schools to present to their nominees.

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 in September.

The South District SAR (LA, MA, AL, TN) will be hosting the 2027 NSSAR Congress in New Orleans, LA. Tony Vets presented two items that are being sold to raise funds for the Congress: an Oliver Pollock pin (\$25) and the National Congress Medal (\$45). A benefactor version of the medal is available for \$1,000. Vets also talked about the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA. Supplemental applications are currently taking 49 weeks to approve, and New applications take priority. The Trustees voted to increase the New application fees from \$100 to \$150; Supplemental and Family Plan applications fees will increase from \$40 to \$75 on Sept. 1.

Aubrey Birinyi's Americanism poster entry was judged at the NSSAR Annual Congress in Lancaster, PA. Unfortunately, it did not win this year.

Pat Ryan suggested that the membership take a group photo for *The Bunkie Record* and the *Marksville Weekly News* at the end of the meeting.

In new business, the Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter will host the LASSAR Annual Meeting on 12 April 2025. The chapter wants to honor Etienne Layssard, 1st Commandant of the Rapides Post and Captain of the Rapides Post Militia, with a memorial marker in Old Rapides Cemetery. For SAR members that contribute \$60 towards the grave marking, they will receive credit for the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the purchase of the marker for \$425.

LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Vets appealed for new members – \$10 for yearly or \$100 for Life membership. All funds raised go to Youth Awards.

President Compton introduced Mike Johnson, Speaker Pro Tempore and LA State Rep for District 27 and our Bronze Good Citizenship Awardee, by reading his bio. Johnson made remarks after receiving his award. He was honored to be recognized.

Dr. Morock read the history of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from the SAR Handbook.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 AM on September 21st at Forts Randolph & Buhlow Visitors Center in Pineville, LA.

LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Cheryl Morock stated that our current caterer will be out of town, so meal options will be explored.

Dr. Morock expanded on Tony Vets' comments about the application fees increase. Riddle asked about Supplemental applications. A motion was, made, seconded, and passed for our chapter to recommend to LASSAR to present a resolution to NSSAR regarding our objection to the application fees increase and to the way the vote was presented to the Trustees and Congress Delegates without advance notice.

NSSAR requested that chapters add a mission statement to agendas to be stated after the Pledges. Secretary Morock recited this 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.

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