



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



21 September 2024

Meeting Minutes

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The regular bimonthly meeting of the Dr. Enemund Meullion Chapter of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution was held at Forts Randolph & Buhlow Visitors Center in Pineville, LA.

President Gervais Compton called the meeting to order with eight members and five guests in attendance. Compton welcomed everyone and asked for an introduction of guests.

Dr. James Morock opened the meeting with the Invocation and then Pat Ryan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Compton led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Compton introduced Tony Vets, our guest speaker. There are 14 different ways that you can have qualifying service for a Patriot Ancestor in the SAR and the DAR. One of those ways – defenders of forts and frontiers – is often overlooked. In March 1775, Daniel Boone and 30 woodcutters left Virginia to cut the Wilderness Road into central Kentucky. On April 1, they arrived at what would become Fort Boonesborough, KY.

War parties of Native Americans, consisting of the Shawnee and Wyandotte, attacked the forts in the area. In February 1778, Daniel Boone and 30 men were captured by the Shawnee while out hunting. Boone would eventually escape in June 1778 to lead the defense against a Native American, mainly Shawnee, and British siege of Fort Boonesborough. In September, Thomas Phelps, one of Vets' Patriot Ancestors, and his daughter Lucy were defenders of the fort during the Great Siege of 1778. If the siege was successful, it is likely that all Kentucky settlements would have been abandoned. The Phelps family moved to Louisville, where Lucy married Marsham Brashear, the Trustee of the City of Louisville and one of the first distillers of bourbon whiskey. Compton presented Vets with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

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

Dr. Morock questioned the motion that the chapter 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. It is believed that the chapter would also formulate a resolution to NSSAR regarding our objection to the fees increase while acknowledging that the application fees are a done deal. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the chapter to craft a resolution.

President Compton asked if a LASSAR resolution was discussed at the September Board Meeting. Dr. Morock said a question was posed to the members present before the discussion of

who would vote for a fees increase; the vote was unanimously against. Dr. Morock and LASSAR President Russ Godwin will work on a LASSAR resolution.

Secretary Brent Morock reported that the current chapter account balance is \$2,525.60. He stated that the chapter has 71 members; Daniel Stagg, Jr., of Opelousas, LA, died on 5 September. 3 Supplemental applications are still at National since 14 August 2023; 1 since 18 September. 1 New application is at National.

In Committee Reports, Dr. Morock stated that three deceased members' graves need to be marked. He is trying to get nominations from various chiefs and directors for public service and heroism awards. Dr. Morock and Compton asked to look for new members and talk to old members whose membership may have lapsed.

Dr. Morock once again talked about America's First Medals Set (1973) – a donation for the Dr. 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. Bobby Hynson drew Compton's ticket as the winner. \$180 was raised from the donation.

In old 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. An SAR logo similar to the one on the Patriot grave markers will be engraved in the stone. Liz Lindsay asked if one could be added to Michel Deville's stone. Secretary Morock stated that the spacing had to be shifted to engrave the logo on Layssard's stone, so the monument company may not be able to add it to Deville's marker.

Cheryl Morock asked for feedback on the new caterer, Sugar Sugar LLC, recommended by Charles Riddle. The consensus was that the membership enjoyed the food. If you tell Cheryl Morock that you are coming to the meeting and you do not show, you will still have to pay for the meal.

Joe Reynolds has been elected to do the website for the 2027 NSSAR Congress. The site is now live at 2027Congress.com. Compton thanked him again for being webmaster for the chapter website.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 AM on October 19th at Forts Randolph & Buhlow Visitors Center in Pineville, LA. Prior to the meeting, an Annual Wreath Laying will take place at Enemund Meullion's grave in Old Rapides Cemetery. Fort Jesup C.A.R. will be joining us.

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

Dr. Morock offered a closing prayer and President Compton led the SAR Recessional.

Secretary *Brent Morock*