



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



16 November 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 ten members and six guests in attendance. Compton welcomed everyone and asked for an introduction of guests.

Tony Vets opened the meeting with the Invocation and then Vice President Darrell Poole, Ph.D., led the Pledge of Allegiance. Compton led the Pledge to the SAR.

Compton introduced guest speaker Jerry Sanson, Ph.D., who talked about how the weather influenced various events in Louisiana History. Sanson received a Certificate of Appreciation and an LASSAR mug for his presentation.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the previous minutes from September and October.

Secretary Brent Morock reported that the current chapter account balance is \$5,753.70. \$2,662 is earmarked for NSSAR and LASSAR dues. He stated that the chapter has 72 members. 1 new application was approved for Lawrence Norlander on November 15th. 1 supplemental application for Frank Pearce, M.D., is still at National. Current members still have time to pay their 2025 dues.

In new business, two items were up for discussion. LASSAR Secretary Billy LeJeune wanted chapters to see if they can hold a Liberty Tree Celebration before July 4th, 2026, in honor of the 250th Anniversary. Compton will check with Roy O. Martin to see if they can help us plant a Liberty Tree.

LASSAR President Russ Godwin passed along a request for chapter donations for a NSSAR Museum project to honor Louisiana Patriots with a mannequin of Louis Bethancourt, representing Spain's contributions to the patriotic cause. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$100.

The memorial marker of Etienne Layssard will be picked up soon to be placed later on April 12, 2025, in Old Rapides Cemetery as part of the LASSAR Convention at the Hotel Bentley. We were unable to engrave the SAR Patriot logo into the stone due to the size and space limitations, so a stake-style grave marker will be used at the ceremony. Layssard was the 1st Commandant of the Poste du Rapides.

Joe Reynolds presented an application for membership in the Friends of the Forts (\$20/yr.) and solicited donations.

Vice President Cheryl Morock of the LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary stated that the caterer will be back for the January meeting. She presented the chapter's item for the LASSAR Convention Basket Auction and will solicit donations at the January meeting.

Pat Ryan once again suggested for members to talk about their ancestors at future meetings.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 AM on January 18th at a location TBD. We need to check with the current location if we can meet there in 2025. The Forts started charging \$100 for the room, and the chapter may not have to pay it next year.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to keep the same Officers. The 2025-2026 slate of Officers, nominated at the last meeting, was elected by acclamation.

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

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

Brent Morock
Secretary