



**Enemund Meullion Chapter  
Louisiana Society  
27 May 2023  
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 Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site in Pineville, LA.

Acting President James Morock, M.D., called the meeting to order with eight members and seven guests in attendance. Morock welcomed everyone and introduced guests.

Chaplain Clyde Neck opened the meeting with the Invocation. Al Pitts led the Pledge of Allegiance and then Charles Neal led the Pledge to the SAR.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

Deborah Sampson, portrayed by Katherine "Sue" Lee of the Loyalty Chapter DAR, told the chapter her life story. Sampson disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtliff to serve in the Continental Army in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment from May 1782 to October 1783. She was assigned to Captain George Webb's Company of Light Infantry at West Point, New York. For over two years, Sampson's true identity remained undiscovered. She left a bullet in her shoulder that she received in a skirmish with Loyalists. Another time she was shot in the thigh and then extracted the bullet herself. While on a mission to Philadelphia, she fell ill with a high fever and passed out. While Sampson was unconscious, the doctor discovered Shurtliff was a woman. Sampson was honorably discharged and received a pension for her military service from her native state of Massachusetts. She also went on a lecture tour across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. Her husband Benjamin Gannet successfully petitioned Congress for a pension four years after Sampson's death. President Morock presented Sue Lee with a Certificate of Appreciation for her talk.

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

In Treasurer Carlos Mayeux, Jr.'s absence, Secretary/Registrar Brent Morock reported that the current chapter account balance is \$3,140.26.

Secretary/Registrar Morock stated that the chapter has 76 members, 67 regular and 9 junior. At least 2 regular and 2 supplemental applications are in development.

President Morock stated that one Law Enforcement Medal will be presented at the July or the September meeting to Sgt. Bobby Branton of the Alexandria Police Department. Another candidate from Pineville Police Department will be presented at a later date. Mike Sawrie will contact Alexandria Police Department about two Life-Saving nominees.

Benjamin Vets' certificate and \$50 chapter reward for his Americanism Poster submission of Andrew Jackson will be presented at a later date.

President Morock asked the chapter to approve a War Service Medal for retired F-16 Fighter Pilot Harold Gonzales, Jr., of South Carolina. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase the medal.

The next Committee meeting will be in November.

The Enemund Meullion Chapter hosted the LASSAR Annual Meeting in April at the Hotel Bentley. Our chapter received two streamers, one for our participation in the Veterans Program and another for our participation in the Avenue of Flags in Lake Charles, LA.

The cost of a memorial gravestone to honor Turner Bynum is \$425. President Morock asked the chapter to approve the purchase of the gravestone. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase the memorial gravestone.

In announcements, President Morock stated that the next chapter meeting will be on July 15th at 11:30 AM at Broken Wheel Brewery in Marksville, LA.

LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Cheryl Morock discussed the April LASSAR Annual Raffle. \$490 worth of tickets was sold for the quilt raffle. In total, \$2,768 was collected from the auction. \$3,000 was donated to the LASSAR for the Youth Awards program.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. Neck offered a closing prayer and then Pat Ryan led the SAR Recessional.

*Brent Morock*

Secretary