

# *Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution*



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Esteemed Members of the Maryland Society of Sons of the American Revolution,

As president of the Maryland Society, I am pleased to report that the recent Atlantic Middle States Conference was a great success. The conference was hosted by the District of Columbia Society on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and held at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, DC. In my opinion, it was a very educational and enjoyable conference, and it was an honor to lead our Old Line State delegation. In addition to me, the following members from the Maryland Society were in attendance: Dave Embrey, Jim Engler, Doug Favorite, Troy Foxwell, Bruce French, Dave Hoover, Barry McKown, Gary Neal, Lou Raborg, and Duane Tackitt, and many of us were accompanied by our ladies.

On behalf of the Maryland Society, I compliment and thank COL Robert Pollock, president of the District of Columbia Society, and his team for their excellent hospitality. Because of the Host Committee's splendid efforts, it was an enjoyable and effective regional conference. I should point out that Duane Tackitt, past president of the Maryland Society and a dual member in the District of Columbia Society, and Marina, his lady, played major roles on the Host Committee.

I am also pleased to report that the new SAVE OUR *FIRST* VETERANS bumper stickers were introduced to the AMS attendees and they were well received. We received many compliments and several hundred bumper stickers were distributed.

Other Maryland Society members contributed to the success of the conference as follows:

- Compatriots Dave Embrey, Bruce French, Dave Hoover, and Lou Raborg served on the Color Guard.
- Maryland Society Third Vice President Jim Engler presented an excellent PowerPoint presentation on the use of the quantitative measurement tool for measuring chapter and state society performance. This tool was developed by the Americanism Committee of the National Society.
- National Trustee Lou Raborg presented the proposed medals he designed and developed for presentation to members in the Atlantic Middle States. After Lou's presentation, the matter was referred to an ad-hoc committee that studied the way the medals would be used. The committee's recommendation was adopted by unanimous vote at the conference dinner.
- Lou Raborg, committee chairman for the 2014 AMS Conference for Maryland, presented plans for the 2014 Conference and invited all to enjoy our Maryland hospitality next year.

In addition to the above, I am pleased to report that the Maryland Society won the prestigious *Thomas Bond Membership Award*. This award – engraved plate on a large plaque – is awarded to the State with largest percentage of membership increase. Compatriot Christos Christou, Jr. was honored for being the first line signer on the most applications for membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
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