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To: Compatriots of the North Atlantic District and the Mid-Atlantic District, Sons of the American Revolution

RE: 2012 Atlantic Middle States Association Conference, August 10-11, 2012, Registration Information and Agenda

Dear Compatriots:

On behalf of the Delaware Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, I cordially invite you to Delaware for the 2012 Atlantic Middle States Association's Annual Conference. We look forward to hosting our fellow Compatriots from the North Atlantic District and Mid-Atlantic District and have prepared what we hope will be an exciting weekend for all.

The AMS Conference will be held August 10-11, 2012, at the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana (100 Continental Drive, Newark, Delaware 19713). We have negotiated a room rate of \$119.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. Room reservations must be made directly with the Hilton, *prior to July 21, 2012*, to receive the discount rate. Please contact the Hilton at www.hiltonchristiana.com or 877-696-8671 to make reservations and mention "SAR" to receive the negotiated special rate. Conference program and registration fees may be found on the enclosed registration form. Kindly mail the registration form & payment, made payable to "DESSAR", *no later than July 21, 2012*, to the indicated address.

The Hilton Wilmington/Christiana is located just off Interstate-95 and within minutes of Interstates-495 and -295. The hotel is also conveniently located to Amtrak service in Wilmington (with taxi service to the hotel) and the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). Compatriots flying into Philadelphia can utilize the Delaware Express Shuttle Service (www.delexpress.com); please contact me for a discount code.

The general agenda for **Friday, August 10, 2012** is:

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| 3:00 p.m. | Conference registration opens |
| 5:30 p.m. | Cocktail Hour |
| 6:30 p.m. | Buffet Dinner (featuring salads, oven roasted baron of beef, grilled chicken, vegetable ravioli and assorted desserts) |
| 8:00 p.m. | Candidates' Forum & Ladies Program I |

The general agenda for **Saturday, August 11, 2012** is:

7:00 a.m.	Registration opens
8:30 a.m.	AMS Business Meeting
9:15 a.m.	Ladies Program II
10:30 a.m.	Ladies Program III
11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting and Ladies Program conclude
12:00 p.m.	Pick up Boxed Lunches
12:30 p.m.	Board yellow school buses for Winterthur Museum Tour
4:00 p.m.	Leave Winterthur Museum for return to Hilton
6:00 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
7:00 p.m.	Banquet (Black-Tie)

Additional details will be available upon check-in at the AMS Conference Registration table, which will be located in the hotel lobby.

Special Note to Candidates: *Candidates for NSSAR Office seeking AMS endorsement should review the AMS Bylaws (available at www.virginia-sar.org/chapters/ams/).*

The Delaware Society is please to offer Compatriots and guests the opportunity to visit Henry Francis du Pont's mansion, Winterthur (pronounced "winter-tour"). Winterthur is the premier museum of American decorative arts and reflects both early America and the du Pont family's life at Winterthur. Admission to Winterthur includes a 45-minute guided tour of the mansion. In addition, guests may tour the 60-acre naturalistic garden (by foot or a 15-minute narrated garden tram ride), stroll through galleries containing examples of American decorative arts and the beautiful Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, or view the special exhibits *Uncorked! Wine, Objects & Tradition* and *Made for the Trade: Native American Objects in the Winterthur Collection*. The best part: admission tickets are honored for two consecutive days – you can return on Sunday to see anything you missed!

As is our custom, Saturday evening's banquet is a black-tie event. Dinner will include salad, a surf and turf combination of filet mignon and crab cake and lemon mousse cake for dessert. Please contact me to discuss any special dietary needs or other restrictions. Saturday evening's program will include the presentation of the Jersey Devil Award and the Bond Membership Award, as well as a visit from a Delaware Revolutionary War Patriot, Colonel Allen McLane.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding the 2012 AMS Conference. We look forward to your upcoming visit to The First State!

Patriotically,



Davis Lee Wright

Chairman, 2012 AMS Conference Committee