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Dooley also received a National Meritorious Service Medal and was installed as Commander of the National Color Guard. I received the Silver Council of State Presidents Medal, and the first-ever Winston C. Williams SAR Magazine Award.

FPG Wilcox was presented a special "gold hammer" plaque in recognition of his service as Manager of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Project and made "Project Manager Emeritus" by the SAR Foundation Board.

Compatriot Taliaferro D. Dickerson III, of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, was awarded the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award.

Liberty Medals were awarded to Dick Bidwell and Bob Carr; and OLC's were awarded in lieu of additional awards of the Liberty Medal to Jim Bayne; Joe Dooley (3); and John Sinks.

Wayne & Wink Rouse were each presented the Bronze Sam Adams Medal for helping the Georgia Society with the organization and conduct of the Congress.

The Virginia Society received the Officer Attendance Award; the C.A.R. Activities Award; and the 9th consecutive annual Admiral Furlong Memorial Award.

FPG Bruce Wilcox was presented four Certificates of Appreciation for serving as Chairman of several committees during the 2008-09 SAR Year. Joe Dooley received two, one for serving as Genealogist General and one for serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Yours truly received two Certificates of Appreciation for chairing national committees; and Larry McKinley received a Certificate of Appreciation for serving on the National Executive Committee.

The Virginia Society and the following Chapters were recognized for their participation in a Partners in Patriotism Program between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009: Culpeper Minute Men; Col. Fielding Lewis; Fairfax Resolves; Fincastle Resolutions; Gen. Dan Morgan; George Washington; Norfolk; Overmountain Men; Richmond; and

Thomas Jefferson. The medals and awards not presented in person in Atlanta will be presented at the VASSAR Semi-Annual in Virginia Beach in September. Please make plans to attend.... especially if you are to receive an award. For registration and agenda information, click here: <http://www.sar.org/vassar/2009-SA.htm>

Also, if any of you were planning to attend the Atlantic Middle States Conference in Rochester next month, the deadline for registering at the hotel at the agreed rate has past, but if you talk nicely you may be able to prevail. Click here for details: http://www.sar.org/madist_sar/2009_ams_conference.htm



Jack Sweeney was installed as President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter in May.



The Virginia Society will soon be adding another Streamer to its flag to indicate having contributed \$1,000 or more (\$12K+ to be more precise) to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

The special recognition was approved by the Medals and Awards Committee at the Atlanta Congress. It includes a special provision for Chapters to earn a streamer for their flag if they contribute \$500 or more to the CAAH.

So, which Chapter is going to be first to earn this distinction?



Flag Protection Amendment Introduced in 111th Congress

The latest Flag Protection legislation has been introduced in both houses of Congress. The Senate bill, S.J.Res 15, has 26 co-sponsors. The House measure, H.J.Res 47, has 60 co-sponsors, including Frank Wolf, Rob Wittman and Randy Forbes of Virginia.

The initiative has the support of the SAR. The proposal produces no law. It authorizes Congress to write flag protection legislation if it chooses to do so.

If approved by a super majority of both houses of Congress, the proposed Constitutional amendment would be sent to the states for ratification. This would require a simple majority vote of 3/4ths of the 50 states. All 50 state legislatures have called on Congress to approve the legislation.

Both pieces of legislation read: *"The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."*

President General Ed Butler will Lead SAR Delegation to Spain

If you're looking for a fun and educational overseas trip next spring, you'll want to be part of PG Butler's trip to Spain in May.

Plans are for the trip to originate in Washington, DC on May 10 with air travel to Madrid on May 11. Return home on the 20th. Plans are being made for an audience with the Royal family. (King Carlos is a member of the SAR).

For complete details, click on www.californiasar.org/events.