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**2009 Congress Report**

The 119th Annual SAR Congress in Atlanta was a grand event but I’m sorry that more Virginia Compatriots did not take advantage of the opportunity to drive to a Congress. Next year we’ll be in Cleveland and in 2011 we’ll gather in Winston-Salem, NC. To those who did register and attend as delegates, I thank you: former President General Bruce and Theresa Wilcox; Genealogist General Joe Dooley; National Trustee Art Batten, former VASSAR Presidents Dick and Rhea Austin, Trice Taylor, and Larry McKinley; former VPG Andy Johnson; Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter President Wayne and Wink Rouse; Col. William Grayson Chapter President Bill Broadus; Fincastle Resolution Chapter member Allen Brahin; and yours truly, Bob & Helen Bowen.

Congratulations to Joe Dooley for being reelected Genealogist General. Three dual members of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter rose to the top three general officer positions: President General Ed Butler; Secretary General David Sympson; and Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth. Art Batten was elected and installed as Virginia’s National Trustee; I was elected and installed as Alternate Trustee and honored by being named a member of PG Butler’s Executive Committee.

The Virginia Society, several VASSAR Chapters; and VASSAR Compatriots were honored during the Congress.

Joe Dooley and yours truly were presented the Minute Man Medal.

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