

The Dome of the Rotunda



An artist named **Constantino Brumidi** (brew-mē-dē) painted this picture. He was born in Italy and later came to America. He worked in the Capitol for more than 25 years.

Brumidi painted **George Washington** looking down from heaven. He painted this picture in 1865. It took him about 6 months to paint this picture on the inner Dome. (To make people look lifesize to us, he had to make them 15 feet tall.)



To color this picture: George Washington's uniform is blue and tan. The cloth over his lap is a light purple color. **Liberty's** dress (on his right) is light purple with a dark purple cloth on her lap. **Victory** (on his left) is in white with a dark gray cloth. **Freedom** has a red cape, a white dress, and a gold helmet.

Next Stop: Exit the Rotunda past the statues of Andrew Jackson and James Garfield. Go straight ahead and follow the signs for the Old Senate Chamber (2).

