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Jim gives a variety of talks to school children and adult groups about events and people of the Revolutionary War era. He tries to convey a sense of the personalities involved. Where applicable he weaves small bits of family history into the story, the participation of his or his wife's ancestors in the events, unknown individuals, who, like thousands of others, won American freedom.

Available Topics

Flags of Freedom, the Flags of the Revolutionary War.

Growing Up Fast, Growing Up Free: Teens in the American Revolution

Saratoga, the Tide Turns.

Siege at Little York, the Victory that Broke Britain's Will to Fight.

Valley "Forged" – From Winter's Ice, an Army of Steel.

The Plot to Replace George Washington

Bunker Hill – Victory in Defeat

The Siege of Boston- Yankee "Doodles" Force the British from the Cradle of Liberty.

The Battle of Long Island, an Empire Strikes Back.

Saving the American Revolution, 10 Crucial Days Beginning with the Christmas, 1776 Crossing of the Delaware to Trenton.

The Battle for the West, the Campaigns of George Rogers Clark.

America's First War with a Virus – Smallpox

Cowpens – On the Road to Yorktown Daniel Morgan Turns the Tide in the South

Live Free or Die: Meet General John Stark, the Hero of Bennington. "In Character" Presentation

Jim grew up in Cincinnati, OH. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He met his wife, Celeste Lowe Cates, while an intern in Boston. Jim practiced Neuroradiology at Tampa General Hospital and served as Clinical Associate Professor of Radiology at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa. Celeste and Jim retired to Sedona, AZ. Celeste is a member of Arizona Society NSDAR. She frequently joins him in the SAR Color Guard, carrying the "Betsey Ross" flag. She has also portrayed Abigail Adams for school children.

