

FRED GILBERT



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Experience:

Fred is a retired USAF Colonel who has given numerous briefings and lectures on a vast number of technical subjects associated with the design, development and testing of new fighter aircraft. He has briefed senior officer, various government agencies, OMB, congressional staffers and congressmen. He joined the SAR in 2010 and has given over 150 presentations on a wide variety of topics covering the American Revolution and the Constitutional Congress. In addition, Fred is a member of the Descendants of Valley Forge organization.

Lecture Topics/Costumes:

Costumes- Fred gives his presentations dressed in an authentic Continental uniform as well as period casual clothing. The uniform is a wool hand stitched uniform that included a period accurate Brown Bess musket with bayonet, tomahawk, cartridge box, canteen, pack and many other artifacts that a soldier would use in their daily life. Presentation topics include:

- Why would a young boy decide to become a full-time soldier, 1774-1778
- Life of a continental soldier
- Washington's Spies
- Intolerable Acts and other prewar activities
- Valley Forge – Why valley forge and the encampment challenges
- 1787 Constitutional Congress, the challenges of the congress
- Declaration of Independence
- The burning of Danberry and Fairfield, CT 1777
- Roles of women in the war and their heroics

Specialty Lecture Topics:

Life of Sgt John Gilbert of the 8th CT Line in the 1st Division of the Continental Army 1774-1778

Lecturing Credentials:

Retired Colonel USAF with strong: leadership and communication skills and has given over 150 American Revolutions presentations to students and community groups

Presentation Requirements:

Table for period display of items

Audio-Visual Equipment:

No electronic equipment is needed - this is 1776

Length of Program:

30 to 90 minutes

Appropriate Age Groups:

5th Grade though College, ages 10 years to 25 years

Handouts:

No handouts but I do pass around period items to examine

Travel Range:

Max of 100 miles

Fees:

No Fee – all presentations are FREE

Resources:

No addition resources are needed, this is 1776