

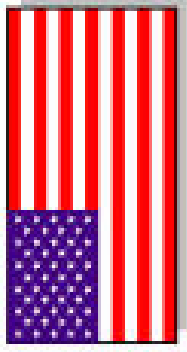
Suggested Topics

9/11- Not a single day ends without the phrase 9/11 mentioned countless times. Yet no one talks about 9/11. To many it must be a shameful part of our recent past that they seem bent on forced forgetting. Jim talks and gives his version of why 9/11 happened by weaving his story into the fabric of current history.

Technology- the majority of Jim's personal and professional life has been chiseled with the tools of a modern world. Jim can take his audience from the birth of the transistor less than 20 miles from his childhood home to the most recent measurement of electronic time in attoseconds.

Diversity- Jim is the grandson of immigrants that came through Ellis Island at the turn of the last century. He can recall some of their stories and relate his own personal experiences growing up and what he sees today.

Patriotism- Jim's first family member that was born on American soil was his Uncle Charlie. Charles Kazalis was born July 4th, 1900. Jim takes that harbinger and carries you through WWI, WWII and Vietnam and to the World Trade Center on 9/11.



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My 9/11 story

<http://www.mcny.org/Exhibitions/virtunsq/virtul60.htm>

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Speaker's Biography



Jim's given name was bestowed upon him by his father a WWII veteran. He is named after James Bryant, his father's friend, of Burlington, North Carolina whom was killed during the D-day invasion in France in 1944.

Before there was a World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, there was Radio Row. It was a technical magnet for electronic hobbyists. Jim acquired an early interest in technology and began assembling short wave radio kits in the late 1950's. He can vividly recall perusing the streets of Radio Row in New York City seeking the thrills of component shopping and looking for the latest in manufactured receivers and transmitters. He held no thoughts that 40 years into his adult future he would be part of a colossal tragedy in that very same locale.

When Jim graduated high school in 1964 he went to work as an input/output clerk working with IBM's first fully transistorized model 1401 computer. Jim would manually sort and

prepare trays of tabulating cards to be run as production programs.

Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1965 where he received formal training in electronics theory and in the repair of communications equipment. He was sent to South Vietnam where for 13 months he performed his assigned duties.

Upon entering the private sector Jim joined Univac (later renamed Unisys) where he repaired large scale mainframe computers for eleven years.

Jim stayed in the computer field but shifted his profession to computer security where he has been working for the past 20+ years. When the clock struck midnight on December 31st, 1999 Jim was in the South Tower of the World Trade Center monitoring security systems integrity for the Year 2000 project.

Adversity is not something you chose or avoid. Jim's life was shaped by many events and highlighted by being in the World Trade Center on



9/11 when a commercial jumbo jet crashed into his building. When Jim stands in front of an audience his words provide a bridge to everyone's past,



present and future. He leaves the audience with an upbeat and life advancing message.

The details of Jim's 9/11 story can be read on the internet at:

<http://www.meny.org/Exhibitions/>

virtunsq/virtu160.htm

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