

February 2013

# Project Appleseed in Minnesota

## Minnesota Riflemen

*The count stands at 141...let's get well past 200 in 2013!*

## Upcoming Events

Instructor Boot  
Camp in Winona  
TBD

2-day Appleseed  
April 20-21<sup>st</sup>  
Rochester

More event  
announcements to  
come!

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## A date in History.....February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1775

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1775 the British Parliament declares a state of rebellion in the colonies. In a joint address to the King, both Houses of Parliament declared the colonies to be in a state of rebellion and approved all necessary means-including force-to compel the colonists to obey the laws of the British government.



## Appleseed Stores

Appleseed has two stores that you can order from. Each one has a slightly different inventory.

There are slings, hats, mugs, patches, bumper stickers, etc. available for sale at the first store. This store does not ship to either Colorado or North Carolina.

If you order something that says it's out of stock, your order will be held for a reasonable time to wait for the item to come in. To visit our original store, click the link below:

[www.appleseedstore.flyingcart.com](http://www.appleseedstore.flyingcart.com)

Appleseed has also opened up a second store which will ship to all 50 states. It has a varied inventory too which will expand in the near future. Click below.

<http://store.rwvaappleseed.com>

## Volunteers.....the Foundation of Appleseed



“Every problem that the country faces is being solved in some community by some group or some individual. The question is how to get connected so that the whole nation can solve problems.

feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens - citizens in the fullest sense; partners in civilization.”

*George HW Bush*

A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not

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“In youth we learn; in age we understand.”

Marie Ebner von Eschenbach



## Hey all you Lazy cats!

Don't just lay around this year...make a resolution...get off your duff and get to an Appleseed.



## The Battle of Cooch's Bridge Sept 1777

The Battle of Cooch's Bridge, also known as the Battle of Iron Hill was a skirmish fought on September 3, 1777, between American militia and primarily German soldiers serving alongside the British Army during the American Revolutionary War. It was the only significant military action during the war in the state of Delaware, and took place about a week before the major Battle of Brandywine.

After landing in Maryland on August 25 as part of a campaign to capture Philadelphia, the seat of the Continental Congress, British and German forces under the overall command of General William Howe began to move north. Their advance was monitored by a light infantry corps of Continental Army and militia forces that had based itself at Cooch's Bridge, near Newark,

Delaware. On September 3, German troops leading the British advance were met by musket fire from the American light infantry in the woods on either side of the road leading toward Cooch's Bridge. Calling up reinforcements, they flushed the Americans out and drove them across the bridge.

American casualties were reported as 20 dead.

## The American Legacy.....Riflemen!



Timothy Murphy



Alvin York



Cooper

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"When the American spirit was in its youth, the language of America was different: Liberty, sir, was the primary object."

Patrick Henry

## Will We Become the United States of Apathy?

Or are we already there? By JOEMORGAN

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"There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty."

John Adams

Wow.....catchy headline. I hope and pray it doesn't ever become a moniker that evening newscasters use to describe this country. It seems phrases like "I don't watch the news", "I hate politics.. would November just get here", and "History doesn't interest me" are all I hear back from family, friends, and co-workers. Apathy is all I see as I look around. Sure there are proud dedicated Americans that cherish our liberties and work hard to ensure our

legacy. Yes I'll keep plugging away ... spreading the message of Appleseed. The young people are the future. I, myself am going to concentrate on positively impacting their lives through the mission.

Let's get out there and make sure the sacrifices our fore fathers made for us were not in vain.



## The Civilian Marksmanship Program

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The CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) dates back to 1903 when Congress approved creation of the DCM(Department of Civilian Marksmanship). The purpose at the time was to provide civilians a way to learn and practice rifle skills for use if needed at a later time for service in the U.S. Military. It was believed that civilians with the popular lever action rifles of the time were not able to sustain an

equivalent rate of fire with the unfamiliar bolt-action Springfield 1903 (the national service arm). Over the years the focus of the program shifted towards youth development through marksmanship training. The U.S. Army administered the program from 1916- 1996. The CMP is a non-profit organization chartered by the Congress but is not a U.S. Government agency. Apart from donations of rifles from

the Army's inventory, the CMP receives no federal funding. Activities of the CMP include shooting competitions and sales of surplus rifles.

A check of the CMP forum this summer revealed that between the DCM and the CMP 400,000 to 500,000 M1 Garands have been sold over the years.

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*"the greatest battle  
implement ever devised"*

General George S. Patton,  
describing the M1 Garand



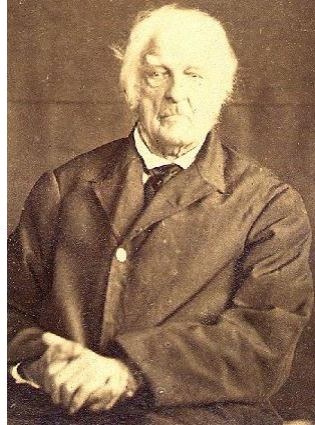
## The last Veteran of the Revolutionary War

**Lemuel Cook** (September 10, 1759 – May 20, 1866) was one of the last verifiable surviving veterans of the American Revolutionary War. He was born in Litchfield County, Connecticut to Henry Cook and his wife Hannah Benham. Enlisting in the Continental Army at the age of sixteen, Cook fought at Brandywine and in the Virginia campaign, and was present at Charles Cornwallis' surrender. He received an honorable discharge signed by George Washington on June 12, 1784.

Following the war, Cook became a farmer and married Hannah Curtis. They had seven sons and three daughters.

Lemuel Cook died at the age of 106 and was buried with full military and masonic honors. He was one of seven Revolutionary War veterans who, having survived into the age of photography, were featured in the 1864 book *The Last Men of the Revolution* (which gives many more details of his life).

He was the last survivor of 2nd Continental Light Dragoons.



Standing guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



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*"Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn't even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others."*

Heraclitus

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## Appleseed Fee Schedule for 2013

	1 Day	2 Day	3 Day	RBC
Adult Male	50	80	95	200
Adult Female	20	40	60	100
Under 18 *	10	20	30	100
Law Enforcement	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Active Duty Military	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

\* Under 18 - One FREE ticket is available to youths under 18 years old with each paid Adult Ticket. Visit the Appleseed website for more pricing information.



### ***About the RWVA***

Project Appleseed is the sole focus and activity of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Weekend events, Boot Camps and the coordination necessary to make them happen are all conducted by proud volunteers. We are passionate about ensuring

that the Rifleman legacy is passed down to the generations of Americans that follow.

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