June 2013

# **Project Appleseed in Minnesota**

Minnesota Riflemen Wells

May 18-19

Jason

Mn Total 146

# Upcoming Events

2-day Appleseed

**June 1-2** 

Morris

June 15-16

Alexandria

Hinckley

June 29-30

St Cloud

**July 20-21** 

**Fairmont** 

**August 17-18** 

Hinckley

August 31-Sept 1

Winona

More event

announcements to

come!

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### **Minnesota's Newest Rifleman**

Congratulations to Minnesota's Newest Rifleman. Jason shot a score of 230 in Wells May 18-19. He is pictured to the right with shoot boss AFTERMATH. Hopefully many more names will be added to the list of Mn Riflemen. The number stands at 146.



#### Thomas Hickey from Wiki

Thomas Hickey was a Continental Army soldier in the Revolutionary War, and the first person executed for treason against what would become the United States. Born in Ireland, he came to America as a member of the British Army, but deserted and joined the other side.

He became part of the Life Guard, which protected General Washington, his staff, and the Army's payroll.

Hickey was later jailed for passing counterfeit money, tried and executed for mutiny and sedition. He was Hanged on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1776. During his incarceration he revealed to another prisoner his plans to rejoin the British in their fight against the Continential Army. Hickey was tried after this and during the trial

rumors also surfaced that he was involved in a bigger plot to kidnap Washington, assassinate his officers, and blow up ammunition supplies.



# This is our Legacy.....preserve it!

"Today, we need a nation of Minutemen, citizens who are not only prepared to take arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom."

President John F Kennedy

"I have not a man that is afraid to go." [

Isaac Davis, April 19,1775



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

Check out the revisited Instructor Manual on the TIPS page!

Visit Gallery of Guns and check out info on the Marlin LTR!

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#### AAR Wells May 18-19, 2013 by AFTERMATH

I arrived at the range Saturday morning to find that BuzzG, Wally and Hiro were working to set up the range with all the luxuries that we could ask for. A solid target line, perfectly laid firing and equipment lines as well as two canopies to allow us a grand refuge from the unforgiving sun at MN's first non-WinterSeed this year! I must admit it was perfect timing on my part, 'cause everything was already done! Buzz, having engineered this masterful range set up was forced to retire to his previous mission that weekend. He should know that his great effort to assist us that morning, was and is greatly appreciated. Heck, I couldn't have squeezed a target-line in my car, let alone a couple large canopies!

Four brave shooters arrived prepared to engage the Redcoats first thing Saturday morning.
While, indeed they didn't fare too badly, it was a good thing that reinforcements were on the way!

While the original four dove headfirst into the fire hose Rifleman knowledge. Wally and Hiro worked diligently to bring the others up to

speed! Soon, everyone was ready to face the remainder of the weekend as a solid group of Appleseeders. Well, as ready as anyone could be, anyway!

The gale-force winds, negating the otherwise beautiful day, made sure the shooters were going to earn their new skills in the typical MN Appleseed weather endurance manner. Groups were tightened, then loosened only to be tightened some more. Hearts were broken only to be rebuilt stronger and more proficient! Equipment turned out to be less persistent than this strong willed group of shooters!

Unfortunately, as Wally and Hiro had already bent time in order to join us in the morning, they were recalled in the early afternoon. So, I recruited a shooter/friend of mine, who we'll call FoxRoe, to assist in ensuring the safety and improvement of the shooters. While this was his first Appleseed, I knew he had a lot of experience -Even if it was of a different sort.

We wrapped up Saturday, with the Third Strike of the Match which sparked the Revolutionary War - And shooting us some Redcoats.

Sunday morning we began with a new but familiar face - Jason - A man who knows very well what he's about, officially became MN's newest Rifleman and in all likelihood will be dawning an Orange Hat at his next event.

We proceeded to run some drills, then more drills and for good measure we added some more drills before we came face to face with the QDAQT. After lunch Wally and Warhog were able to come help us wrap up the weekend with some torrential downpours, some KD instruction, RF-QDAQT, Redcoats and alas tear down.

T'was another fine weekend on the Appleseed Trail, with learning and fun to be had by all - I hope.

Ben, Rip, Sil, FoxRoe, Dad-Harry, Harry, Kent, Max, Charlie, and Jason shall be written into the annals of history as having been attendees of the May 2013, Appleseed at the Wells Rifle and Pistol Club, outside the quaint city of Wells, in the tranquil farmlands of southern Minnesota.

"True republicanism is the sovereignty of the people. There are natural and imprescriptible rights which an entire nation has no right to violate."

Marquis de Lafayette

# SHTF Shoot June 22<sup>nd</sup>,2013 Morristown, Mn

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

Benjamin Franklin

SHTF Shoot is a non political, apocalypse/zombie themed tactical 3 gun shoot held in Morristown MN. Where shooters of all ages can Kit Up with all their cool toys and have a Safe and fun day of shooting.

Minnesota's
Appleseed contingent
is planning a
demo/presenation at
this event. Looks like
a great way to spend
a Saturday!



# The Civilian Marksmanship Program

"the greatest battle implement ever devised"

General George S. Patton, describing the M1 Garand

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.

### The Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17th, 1775

On the morning of June 17, 1775, the British General Howe woke with all his ships perfectly positioned on the water. He prepared his troops, and they began the trudge up Bunker Hill. When there was not a person in sight on Bunker Hill, they proceeded to Breeds Hill.

Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" Colonel William Prescott said.

When the British were close enough, the command was shouted and the bullet spatter began. British soldiers dropped like ants being sprayed with bug repellent, but they would not give up. After the first battalion, another came. Once again the patriots did not fire until they were close enough to see the whites of their eyes, and the British fell again.

But, upon the third battalion, the Americans were out of ammunition. They were forced to fight with only their bayonets. The British, having received more training, annihilated them. The Americans were forced to retreat, and give up the land to the British.

By the end of the battle, there were estimated to be 1,154 British casualties and 441 American casualties. As a result, the Battle of Bunker Hill, which really took place at Breeds Hill, is often reported as an American victory, when in fact it was a defeat.

## **Visit <u>www.appleseedusa.org</u> Today!**



"Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!"

Colonel William Prescott

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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

<sup>\*</sup> 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.