

March 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  
March 23-24

2-day Appleseed

April 20-21

Alexandria

Rochester

May 4-5

Winona

June 1-2

Morris

June 15-16

Alexandria

Aug 31 Sept 1

Winona

October 12-13

Alexandria

More event  
announcements to  
come!

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## A date in History..... March 17th, 1776

The 11-month siege of Boston ended when the Continental Army, under the command of George Washington, fortified Dorchester Heights in early March 1776 with cannons captured at Ticonderoga. British General William Howe, whose garrison and navy were threatened by these positions, was forced to decide between attack and retreat. To prevent what could have been a repeat of the Battle of Bunker Hill, Howe decided to retreat, withdrawing from Boston Nova Scotia.



## The Battle of Wyoming July 1778

The Battle of Wyoming took place on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1778 in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania. This battle pitted American Patriots against Loyalists and Iroquois under British command. The British forces held a numerical advantage of approximately 575 to 360.

The British had arrived 4 days earlier and after being discovered attempted to secure surrender terms. During this time the Americans had launched an attack on one of the forts in the area. The British in turn set a ruse by lighting another

fort afire and then waiting in ambush. The Americans forces seeing this thought the British were retreating and ran headlong into the ambush. Their forces were routed and the survivors were hunted down. It's believed that only 60 men escaped with their lives.

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



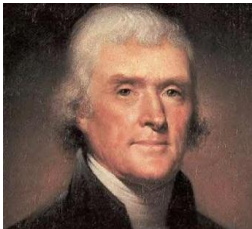
“Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and

know one had a hand in them.”

*Harriet Naylor*

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“Bodily exercise, when compulsory, does no harm to the body; but knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind.”  
*Plato*



## RIFLEMEN!

Let's get off the couch and start dryfiring People!



## The Gunpowder Incident April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1775

On April 20, 1775 the day after the battles of Lexington & Concord but before word of these events had reached Virginia, an interesting situation cropped up. It pitted the Royal Governor of Virginia against the local militia commanded by Patrick Henry

Lord Dunmore the Governor decided to remove the gunpowder from the Williamsburg powder magazine,

assisted by a detachment of Royal Marines. Townsfolk alerted the local militia who responded. Several days passed in which threats were leveled at each other. The militia leader Patrick Henry was able in negotiations secure a payment of 330 British pounds for the powder and the conflict quieted down. The incident is said to have uplifted the reputation of Henry while diminishing that

of Lord Dunmore. Dunmore was eventually forced to abandon the colony as the fortunes of the war turned against the loyalists. Over time Virginia became independent and Patrick Henry became the state's first governor in July 1776.

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



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*"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."*

Douglas MacArthur

## Liberty is a work in Progress

By JOEMORGAN

As I witness over the past decade an eroding of our freedoms and liberties I can't but remember a quote credited to Benjamin Franklin; "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."



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"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."

Abraham Lincoln

Our Liberty requires that we continually work to preserve it.

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

## The Civilian Marksmanship Program

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

## February 6, 1778 Treaties signed with the French

American and French representatives sign two treaties in Paris: a Treaty of Amity and Commerce and a Treaty of Alliance. France now officially recognizes the United States and will soon become the major supplier of military supplies to Washington's army. Both countries pledge to fight until American independence is won, with neither country concluding any truce with Britain without the other's consent, and guarantee each other's possessions in America against all other powers.

The American struggle

for independence is thus enlarged and will soon become a world war. After British vessels fire on French ships, the two nations declare war. Spain will enter in 1779 as an ally of France. The following year, Britain will declare war on the Dutch who have been engaging in profitable trade with the French and Americans. In addition to the war in America, the British will have to fight in the Mediterranean, Africa, India, the West Indies, and on the high seas. All the while facing possible invasion of England itself by the French.



Standing guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



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“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.”

Abraham Lincoln

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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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