

July 2013

# Project Appleseed in Minnesota

## **Minnesota Riflemen**

### **Hinckley**

Jason 11-25-12

### **Rochester**

Takeru 4-20-13

### **Alexandria**

Nate 6-15-13

### **Hinckley**

Bradley 6-15-13

**Mn Total 150**

## **Upcoming Events**

2-day Appleseed

July 20-21

Fairmont

August 17-18

Hinckley

August 31-Sept 1

Winona

September 14-15

Wells

September 28-29

Rochester

More event  
announcements to  
come!

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## **Minnesota's Newest Rifleman**

Congratulations to Minnesota's Newest Rifleman. Bradley shot a 215 then a 229 at Hinckley on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Hopefully many more names will be added to the list of Mn Riflemen. The number stands at 150.



## **A message from Fred.....**

You can do it.

But it's up to you to "get the Appleseed word" out in your neighborhood.

Once your neighborhood votes itself "an Appleseed community", as proved by all the riflemen living in it, you can apply for one of the new

"Certified Appleseed Community" signs which will soon be available.

## Honoring those that have sacrificed before us....



"We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance.  
Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of  
reverent visitors and fond mourners.  
Let no neglect, ravages of time,  
testify to the present or to the coming generations,  
That we have forgotten as a people  
the cost of a free and undivided republic."

*Major General John Logan 1868*

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Congress issues  
"Declaration of the Causes  
& Necessity of Taking up  
Arms," listing grievances  
but denying intent to be  
independent. 6 July 1775



## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The Shoot Scheduled for Morris, Mn June 1-2 has  
been postponed reschedule TBA

The St.Cloud Shoot will be featured in the next  
issue.

Constitutionfest 2013 is scheduled for Saturday  
September 21<sup>st</sup>...more info to follow....



**AAR Alexandria, Mn     June 15-16, 2013**

We had very warm weather but it didn't rain which was good. The range is in a bowl and the wind swirls but doesn't provide much breeze. The canopy saved the weekend as the heat took it's toll.

On Saturday after setup and morning safety briefing six shooters took their crack at the morning redcoat. Lots of squares where shot and after a lunch full of history everyone returned to the line. Two AQTs where shot before the PM Redcoat. There was a vast improvement there and two shooters shot a rifleman's score. Nate, first time ASer, shot a 221. Pete requalified with a 215. We broke camp and headed out for rest and pizza.

Sunday morning our two young shooters MollyJo and AJ returned. They were joined by Sven and DebH on the line. Late in the morning veteran attendee Steve joined the bunch and Deb headed back behind the line. Many squares where shot and a fun shoot was conducted. Steve and AJ bested Andy and MollyJo 21-19 in the Zombie Wild Boar shoot. Lunch brought on the DOMs and other rev war history. Three AQTs where shot before the

final red coat. It was a great weekend. Thanks to Saturday attendees Nate, Pete, Ben, and Curtis. And Steve great to see you on Sunday. And MollyJo and AJ for attending all weekend. AJ, who is 9 years old was on sandbags on Saturday but shot three full AQTs on Sunday and even got a 42 on Stage 4. The highlight of the weekend was AJ's last redcoat. She missed cleaning the target by 1/4 inch(missed one shot at 300yds).

Special thanks to Sven(Andy) for driving up this way, allowing the event to take place.

We have another shoot in Alexandria October 12-13.

Mark on your Calendars and bring a friend or relative. Check the website as more shoots could be added through out the state.

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“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*

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“By failing to  
prepare, you are  
preparing to fail.”

*Benjamin Franklin*

## Thompson's War April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1775 from Wiki

Brunswick, Maine tavern owner Samuel Thompson had been elected to the Brunswick Board of selectmen in 1768, 1770, and 1771. He was elected commander of the Brunswick militia in 1774 and headed the local enforcement committee for the Continental Association created by the First Continental Congress to boycott all goods from Great Britain. The Continental Association attempted to enforce the boycott on 2 March 1775 against a shipload of sail, rope, and rigging for loyalist shipbuilder Captain Samuel Coulson of Portland by demanding the delivery ship leave port. Coulson requested delay while the English sloop completed needed repairs after its trans-Atlantic voyage. HMS *Canceaux* was dispatched from Boston while the repairs were in progress; and, following its arrival on March 29, Coulson proceeded to offload his British goods under the protection of the British warship. The battles of Lexington and Concord took place 90 miles (150 km) to the south while *Canceaux* lay at anchor in Casco Bay. When news of the battle reached Brunswick on April 21, the Brunswick militia laid plans to capture *Canceaux*.

Fifty Brunswick militiamen wearing a sprig of spruce in their hats as a uniform arrived in Portland secretly aboard small boats carrying a spruce tree with the lower branches cleared away as a battle ensign. *Canceaux* was prepared to prevent the small boats from boarding; but Thompson's militia captured the warship's captain, Lieutenant Henry Mowat, on 9 May 1775 while he was ashore arranging church services for his crew. The first Lieutenant aboard *Canceaux* discharged two cannon salutes (gunpowder charges without shot) toward Portland and threatened to shell Portland unless the captain was released. Six hundred militiamen from surrounding communities gathered as Portland residents negotiated to prevent their community from becoming a battleground. Mowat was allowed to return to his ship, but his demand to arrest Thompson was refused, and the assembled militia forced *Canceaux* to leave port on May 15.

Disappointed militiamen vented their frustration by looting the homes of Coulson and loyalist Sheriff Tyng before returning to their inland communities. News of Thompson's attempt encouraged Machias, Maine militiamen to capture the British armed schooner *Margaretta* a month later in the battle of Machias. Mowat brought *Canceaux* back to Portland in October to set fires which left Portland's population homeless as winter approached. The Massachusetts House of Representatives promoted Samuel Thompson to Brigadier of the Cumberland County, Maine militia on 8 February 1776 in recognition of his initiative following the battles of Lexington and Concord; and the spruce trees his men carried provided inspiration for adoption of the Pine Tree Flag as the Massachusetts naval ensign in April 1776.

Thompson moved to Topsham, Maine in 1783, and was regularly elected to the Massachusetts General Court until his death in 1798 at the age of 63. Thompson donated part of his significant real estate holdings to Bowdoin College when the school was chartered in 1794.

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*“Moral courage is the  
most valuable and  
usually the most  
absent characteristic  
in men.”*

*General George S. Patton  
Jr.*

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**AAR, Hinckley, Mn June 15-16, 2013 by AFTERMATH**

What do you do at a shoot with no pre-regs?

You show up anyway, just in case. Such was the case at Hinckley this weekend.

Let's just say I was mildly pessimistic as I made my way to the location. I was running late, thinking it's okay, no one's coming anyway. Just drive on up, wait around to ensure there are no walk-ons, and perhaps now that it's spring confirm my moderate weather zeros. Note that unannounced walk-ons are a rarity at this location. And even then, most are last minute tag-a-longs, with the pre-registered shooters.

Well, you can imagine my surprise, when the range came into view and I saw something shiny outside the gate. As I got closer, my suspicions were confirmed - Someone was there! At this moment, I must admit a mixed set of feelings on this. Part of me is thinking: "Great, I have an Appleseed." Meanwhile, another part of me is thinking: "Crud! I'm late, the range is probably a mess... I hope it's not an Appleseeder... This is gonna look bad...." Yeah, I know... But look at it like this. Murphy's Law states with certainty, that had I been there the evening before, had gotten everything cleaned up, set up and was there at the break of dawn waiting - No one would have showed up! Been there, done that!

I meet Bradley down at the range cleaning it up a bit - Oh, my this just can't get worse! He said he's a member there and trying to clean things up before the shooters get there. He also, indicated he was looking to shoot today, if there was room. He'd been to a shoot a couple of years ago but was still lacking in the Rifleman Patch department. I told him there was plenty of room, in fact he's the only shooter unless there are more walk-ons. He said, he thought something must have been up... He said he didn't care to be the only shooter. Either he felt that he'd be imposing or he felt it would be extremely awkward. And I admit it would be awkward. So, I said hey we still might get a busload of walk-ons... Let's clean up a bit and if no one shows, we'll throw up a few AQT's.

No one else showed so we went to the best\* spot on the range and posted a redcoat and let em have it. Don't recall exactly how well he did, but he needed sight adjustments at the very least. Posted up some squares and worked with him in tuning his groups. A little position tweaking, a little NPOA refining, a little IMC work, some cadence and bam! He was ready for an AQT... We talked about his AQT and some RevWar history. Some folks pulled up looking to use the pistol range so we pulled back, to a better spot, so we could share in the beautiful shooting weather. And set up another AQT. While our neighbors were shooting I scored his target and confirmed what I already knew! He was now a Rifleman! 215, not bad for a righty shooting lefty on a bolt-gun with less than one and a half days of Appleseed experience. 🤔

His next AQT was a 229, if I recall correctly.

After that we conversed some more about Appleseed and mission related things before clearing out.

The time isn't right for him to become an instructor, though perhaps in a few years... He was, however schooled in the low-tech seventh step method of sending folks our way.

So, was this an official Appleseed, a mini-seed, or just some cultivating?

I'll let you be the judge. I did cover all of the POI, in one way or another - No matter how unconventional.

All, except the Three Strikes - Though indeed, I mentioned some of the big points. But we did talk about some other RevWar heritage, and, well he's already heard the Three Strikes.

Whatever it was, it was a pretty good day for a shoot that would have otherwise been cancelled. Sunday I was alone. So, I took my time to confirm my zeros as well as my need to dryfire more often.

All in all - while the weekend could have gone better I'm happy to introduce Bradley; MN - Rifleman #149.

## Appleseed Fee Schedule for 2013

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	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.