

November 2012

# Project Appleseed in Minnesota

## New Riflemen

### September

Emily 9-30-12

Dave 9-30-12

### October

John 10-13-12

George 10-14-12

Pete 10-14-12

Katie 10-14-12

Zach 10-14-12

**MN total 141**

## Upcoming Shoots

(all 2 day events)

Hinckey 11-24-12

Rochester 12-1-12

IBC Winona TBD

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## Volunteers Needed!

Anyone that is reading this newsletter that isn't an Appleseed volunteer, please grab a bucket and help us bail.....

What I mean by this is we are always looking for new Orange and/or Blue Hat wearing Minnesotans

to help run shoots and promote the program.

I guarantee you will have a rewarding experience meeting all kinds of new folks and learning so much more about our country's founding.

So come on....contact the

state coordinator Kevin and get started.



## AAR MHA Conference Blaine Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Reported by Woody35

A contingent of IITs staffed a table at the annual convention of the Minnesota Homeschooling Association (MHA) on Saturday, Sept 22 at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN, a northern suburb of Minneapolis-St. Paul. Jason, Mike and Laura had a great turnout of interested folks, mainly women, who saw the large Appleseed 'Madonna' poster at our booth and inquired about instruction.

There must have been 100+ attendees and over half or two-thirds probably stopped at our booth, then got a 2 minute spiel on Appleseed. We collected a

dozen or so e-mail addresses and gave out lots of tri-folds with a MN Appleseed schedule tucked inside.

This event triggered more interest in AS than any of the other 5-6 gun shows I have staffed. Only one person was against firearms in the home while all the others either were shooters or hunters. All were very interested in attending an Appleseed.

We had a bunch of books (Paul Revere's Ride and Washington's Crossing) and handouts on the table along with a looped video of AS shooting from our Indiana friends on a 27

inch flat screen. We eventually were allowed to run the video on the 50-inch flat screen mounted on the wall behind our table.

We gave the MHA a "Shoot like a Girl" cap to raffle off.

A suggestion would be to have a sign about minimum age of AS shooters or our criteria for youngsters attendance prominently displayed on the table.

Also, updated calendars for MN, IA and WI would have helped since there were a few out of state folks attending.

## AAR Alexandria October 13-14, 2012



Eleven shooters arrived Saturday morning for a mix of heritage and marksmanship. At the completion of the first day we had our first Rifleman, John. Sunday started with review and then onto the AQT grind. When it was all over 4 more riflemen had earned their patches. Congratulations to George, Pete, Katie, and Zach. After the event some of the shooters had a chance to

apply their new skills with Buzz's M1. Just an overall great weekend. Thanks to all the shooters who attended. Please continue to 7<sup>th</sup> step and share with family/friends what you experienced. Thanks to DebH, Buzz, Sven, and JOEMORGAN who worked the event. And a special thanks to our hosts, the Alex Gun Club.

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*"Practice, the master of all things."*

*Julius Caesar*



## AAR Hinckley October 20-21, 2012

10 shooters came out for a wonderful mix of marksmanship and heritage. Minnesota picked up an IIT transplant from Alaska. Welcome Eric (PackerFan), you were a great help. Eric requalified several times on Sunday. Also young veteran AS Megan (MollyJo) helped the young first timers and led her team to defeat the invading squash. Thanks to Taylor who came over

from Wisconsin and lent a hand. Thanks to AFTERMATH, DebH, & JOEMORGAN for an enjoyable and safe shoot for all. Remember there is another shoot in Hinckley right after Thanksgiving. Tell a friend or relative!

## Cokato Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012



## AAR Cokato September 29-30, 2012

Reported by Sven

Cokato Minnesota's Rainbow Sportsman's Club hosted its first Appleseed Event this last weekend and with only three weeks to promote we still had a respectable turnout of 11 shooters. The Rainbow Sportsman's Club was particularly picturesque with the fall foliage along the Crow River bottom.

Dane Madsen, a local member of the club, was responsible for setting this up and as a Rifleman was willing to take the Orange this weekend. He spent considerable time on the

line coaching new shooters and his efforts paid off when one of his charges, who happens to be one of his daughters, managed to get the coveted Rifleman's Patch with a score of 210. She of course was "baptized", the honors going to her father, congratulations Emily! Emily is a hard charger and agreed to help her dad as an orange hat instructor also. Dane's wife Wendy and other daughter Aliesha turned in some very respectable targets with Wendy cleaning the Redcoat

target Saturday afternoon, very well done! Some good "seeds" planted here, looking good for that area west of the Minneapolis/St Paul metro area.

Dane was responsible for most of the turnout with his family comprising four of the attendees and his neighbor Dale, his son and grandson another three and Rose, Corey, and Donna also. Brad came out from Minneapolis on his ROC Saturday and was doing good and should be picking up the Rifleman's Patch in short order.

## More Photos.....



Dane & Sven

Cokato Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Buzz w/ Cain & Megan

Alexandria Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012



AFTERMATH has the line

Hinckley October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."*

*Marjorie Moore*

## AAR Holmen, WI October 6-7, 2012

Reported by vmt193

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*Liberty is to the collective body, what health is to every individual body.*

*Without health no pleasure can be tasted by man; without liberty, no happiness can be enjoyed by society."*

*Thomas Jefferson*

The 13 bundled shooters made their way to the line right away Saturday and proceeded to showcase the marksmanship skills of the average American on the first redcoat target of the weekend. OMG! We had no where to go but up.

And 'up' we went. The first full AQT of the weekend produced no Riflemen, but boy did we have a bunch of very promising scores. After all the shooters took a second whack at, and completely terrorized the redcoats, a couple shooters tried a last ditch RFAQT and got close again but no patches earned.

Sunday morning began with just 4 slightly stiff and sore shooters stepping to the line, but we were able

to really get in some good one-on-one and get the rifles really tuned in. I think Nancy and Katie might even understand "Inches, Minutes, and Clicks" well enough to teach their friends.

Later in the morning Jerry and Jon showed up with their crews and after a few sighters, jumped right into the AQT grind. By mid afternoon, we were still getting a "LOT" of very high scores just short of the "magic" 210. Katie with a 203! Patrick (213) finally broke the seal and became the first Rifleman of the weekend. Not to be outdone, and despite help from "the kid", Jerry charged right in with a 218, 227, & 212.

Jerry then took an Orange Hat and became western WI newest IIT.

Thanks to the volunteers that attended the event: Vmt193, Kosciusko, Cully, Dan2, and CIVLAFLT. Your commitment to the program allows these events to continue.

Also at this event another volunteer earned his red hat. Cully congratulations and thanks for all your hard work. HUZZAH!



MN 11th Red Hat

## 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*



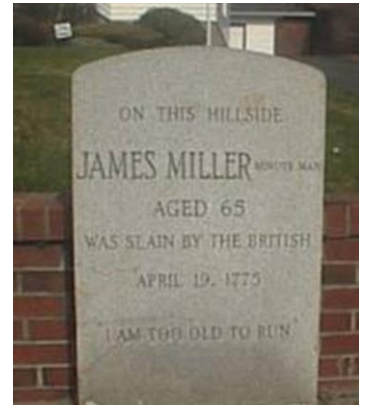
## James Miller 1709-1775

As the British column continued their retreat east, Lord Percy soon realized that a planned overnight camp on Cambridge Common was impractical....he was being driven towards Boston. At approximately six in the evening Percy's column left Cambridge and entered present day Somerville. At this time the battle was renewed. Percy had to deploy his two cannons to ward off his pursuers. After driving them back, the column continued and again took fire from the minutemen concealed on the north side of the road, in positions that overlooked

the Regulars. Twice more during this period of the column's travels the cannons were once again trained on the pursuing Americans. This resulted in no casualties but did check the Americans. About 100 feet or so further down the road, the grassy slope of Prospect Hill loomed. And here is where James Miller, 66 years of age, stood awaiting the British. Miller was with a companion and they both fired several times with deadly effect. It's said that Miller's aim was so correct that a detachment was sent to dislodge him. His

companion sensing it was time to fall back urged Miller to follow. Miller replied "I'm too old to run" and remained. He was finally felled by a large volley of British fire, hit by thirteen rounds. His home was a short distance away and was damaged as Percy continued his policy of property destruction.

Miller was the only American killed in Somerville.



Memorial stone honoring James Miller DOM of Somerville

## AAR Kintyre, ND October 6-7, 2012 Reported by DebH and JOEMORGAN

Deb and myself joined Alex from Iowa and the Bornemann Family at their farm for a cold, windy weekend. Mr. Fixit (Andrew B.) and the other volunteers ran 16 shooters through the course of marksmanship and history. ND welcomed 3 new riflemen Cora, Loretta, and Andrew W. Thanks again to all the shooters, the other volunteers, and the Bornemanns for a great experience. We look forward to attending other events at your wonderful place.




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*"Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I may  
remember, involve me  
and I learn."*

*Benjamin Franklin*

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### **On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1776 a flotilla of vessels left Delaware enroute to the Bahamas.**

This was the first cruise  
and one of the first  
engagements of the  
Continental Navy and the  
Continental Marines. The  
Flotilla arrived off the  
coast of Nassau on March

1<sup>st</sup>. Two days later the  
Marines stormed ashore  
and captured Fort  
Montagu, but didn't  
advance into town. This  
allowed the local governor  
to evacuate most of the  
stored gunpowder. The  
next day the Marines  
advanced and took control  
of Nassau. Colonial forces  
remained for two weeks

and then left, taking the  
remaining gunpowder and  
other munitions. The  
flotilla returned to  
Connecticut in early April.



### **Revolutionary War Snipers Taken from the Military Channel**

The Battle of Saratoga  
was a turning point in the  
Revolutionary War. And  
one of the major turning  
points in the battle was  
when sniper Timothy  
Murphy shot and killed  
Gen. Simon Fraser of the  
British army on Oct. 7,

1777.

Murphy, a rifleman in  
Morgan's Kentucky  
Riflemen, hit Gen. Fraser  
at a distance of about 500  
yards using one of the  
famous long-barreled  
Kentucky rifles.



### ***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.



Sven presents Emily with her patch in Cokato Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012