

October 2012

Project Appleseed in Minnesota

New Riflemen

May

Judy/Judy222

Marta

Dane

June

Jon/36g

Tim

Royce

July

Mike/JOEMORGAN

Ben

September

Michelle

JR

Evenson

Deb/DebH

Jerry/desprado

Dee/xl target

Dave

Bethany

Brian

Kurt

Joel

MN total 134

Upcoming Shoots

(all 2 day events)

Holmen,WI 10-6-12

Alexandria 10-13-12

Hinckley 10-20-12

Hinckey 11-24-12

Rochester 12-1-12

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Catching up in the Fall

Hello, the Minnesota Appleseed Newsletter is back after a summer off. I will use this issue to catch everyone up on the happenings through the summer.

.This issue will have AARs from the September shoots plus the other promo events that have reported in. We currently have 134 Riflemen in Minnesota.

Congratulations to all that have shot the score this

summer!

Anyone that has reports or articles that they would like published here can let me know. Historical articles would be great and welcomed. If you'd like to see an article about a particular subject let me know and, time permitting I could research it and put it together. See you on the trail...Mike/JOEMORGAN



AAR Constitution Fest Alexandria Sept 22nd

Deb and myself came across the flier for this event while posting our own fliers promoting the Alex shoot in October. The organizers were very receptive to our mission and allowed us to set up a booth at the event. We came out early Saturday morning and set up our canopy/booth with a display of flags, a banner, and a Battle Road Map. The booth stood up to the gusty winds and we had several parties stop and visit(including the local state rep). Our count of promo items handed out were in the 150-200 count range. Thanks to the Hosts of the local Lodge of the Masons...we are looking forward to next year's event.

AAR Marshall September 8-9,2012



The Marshall shoot begin with canopies deployed...and then the winds struck and struck hard. A group effort saved both shooters and material. Then back to instruction. 8 shooters braved the high winds and began the journey of the Rifleman. Deb shot her rifleman score and then took the promised blue hat. Erik, a veteran Appleseeder, rifleman, and winterseed patch holder

also took a blue hat. Others in attendance ended the weekend knocking on the door. Kevin ran a great shoot! Thanks to John(Habs) and the Red River Sportmen's Club for making the 2012 shoots happen.

*"We are made to persist.
that's how we find out who
we are."
— Tobias Wolff.."*

AAR Wells September 15-16,2012

Buzz reports 11 shooters answered the muster drum on Saturday for our 4th shoot in Wells, MN. Thanks go out to the Wells Rifle and Pistol Club for hosting this event. Once again, Dale was there bright and early to open the club and get coffee going. This was the first shoot without rain but they still had the wind. After getting the first Redcoat target scored, the shooters started soaking

up the instruction and made great improvements over the weekend. We had 5 new youth shooters, 3 new adult shooters and 3 who had shot at a previous Appleseed. Minnesota gained 4 new Rifleman on Sunday.

Jerry - 215
Dee - 212
Dave - 212
Bethany - 214 x2

Brian had a solid 209 and

will earn his Rifleman patch at the next shoot for sure. Tanya was very close also and can most definitely "shoot like a girl" Michelle is right there too. Great job you guys.

The youth shooters showed a huge amount of progress over the weekend. Way to go Nick, Noah, Rachael, Bethany, and Enoch (who joined on Sunday)



Young Shooters in September



AAR Rochester September 8-9, 2012

Rochester was a smashing success with 25 shooters and three Riflemen, plus one blue hat and an orange hat. Congratulations to Brian, Kurt, and Joel....welcome to the Rifleman ranks.

Judy/Judy222 & Gerad/gmw accepted a hat each...thanks to these veteran Appleseed Riflemen.SB Alex/AFTERMATH Reports Judy was a blessing at registration .

Mike/vmt193 reported that many other shooters were knocking on the door. His advice.....dry fire, dry fire, then dry fire again. Remember the Rochester Gun Club will be hosting a winterseed shoot in early December.....let's all work to fill those lines.



Rochester Appleseed September 2012

More Photos.....



JOEMORGAN & Habs in Marshall Sept. 8th,2012



Cooper in Winona Sept1st,2012



xl target in Wells Sept 15th,2012

"Pick up a rifle and you change instantly from a subject to a citizen"

Jeff Cooper

AAR Winona September 1-2, 2012

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

George Bernard Shaw

Gathering reports from several of the staff attending this was wonderful event. A total of 27 shooters participated over the weekend. Michelle, JR, and Evenson brought home the Rifleman Patch. Great job! Cooper reported that the arrival of some extra cadre helped with a bit of

overcrowding.

Looks like the weather was marvelous.

SC Kevin reported that this was the best AS event that has happened at his home range.



AAR SHTF Shoot Morristown Sept 22nd

Seven Mn Volunteers including SC Kevin ran several of the attendees through a 20 round Greencoat course of fire. Sounds like there was much interest in what Appleseed can offer shooters. Thanks to Ahlman's Gun Range for allowing RWVA to

participate in the days events. Kevin described Ahlman's as a massive gun shop, possibly the largest in Minnesota. It sits in the middle of over 100 acres of gun ranges (total capacity 1050 participants at any one time) and hosts action pistol and cowboy

shooting events every weekend there isn't snow on the ground. DPMS outbreak Omega had 1300 shooters this year. Thanks to Kosciusko, vmt193, Brad76, warhog, Cully, scopes, and AFTERMATH for all your hard work.

Coming in next month's newsletter...

"Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals".

Dave Gynn

Updates on our new Minnesota Riflemen...plus AARs from our October shoots in Alexandria and Hinckley. We will have reports from our late September shoot in Cokato (new venue) and the Homeschoolers Conference. I'm sure we will have some more Revolutionary War era history tidbits...plus much more. Please send any requests for content.



Jason Russell 1716-1775

Jason Russell is one of the householders described as letting the regulars have it as they retreated towards Boston. Russell was a 58 year old farmer that was lame. As small American militia parties arrived in the area and started to take up positions in Menotomy, Russell used some shingles to build up a defensive position at his front door. Family and friends, fearing the outcome, pleaded with Jason to flee. This is where he is quoted as saying, "An Englishman's home is his castle". At this point other residents of the village rallied with him.

A British flanking party arrived at the same time. As they took fire Russell fell back with the minutemen towards his house. As he was lame Russell brought up the rear. Most of the other Americans either fled inside the house or ran from the scene. Jason Russell was shot and then bayoneted several times in his own doorway. British grenadiers entered the house and killed everyone they could find on the main floor. Eight minutemen made it to the basement of the house and survived by firing up the stairs. When Russell's

wife returned home late that day, she found her husband and eleven others dead. Their bodies lay side by side in the kitchen. They were buried in one grave without coffins. A monument of granite was placed over the site in 1848. The final sentence of the inscription reads "Being among the first to lay down their lives in the struggle for American Independence."

The Jason Russell House is now operated as a Museum in present day Arlington, MA



Kitchen of the home of Jason Russell

Sometimes a Picture needs an explanation.....

On Sunday afternoon at the Marshall shoot Sept 8-9th a little of remedial demonstration of the hasty sling was needed. Megan (aka mollyjo) volunteered to participate in Kevin's donuts and zombies method.



A footnote to this. I marked stage 1 of the next AQT right after...one of the best stage 1 I've seen...it works!

*"Those who know, do.
Those that understand,
teach."*

Aristotle

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There were women in the Continental Army, even a few who saw combat!

Probably the best known is Mary Ludwig Hays, nicknamed "Molly Pitcher." She replaced her wounded husband at his cannon during the Battle of Monmouth in 1778.

Another wife of an artilleryman, Margaret Corbin, was badly wounded serving in her husband's gun crew at the Battle of Harlem Heights in 1776. Thousands of other women served in Washington's army as cooks and nurses.



The German Regiment

On May 25th, 1776 the Continental Congress authorized the formation of the 8th Maryland Regiment, made up of German colonists from both Maryland and Pennsylvania. The Regiment saw service in

the Western, Northern, and Philadelphia campaigns. They fought against both British regulars in linear warfare and Indians as light infantry and rangers. The unit was disbanded on January 1st, 1781.



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.

