

November 2013

Project Appleseed in Minnesota

*Minnesota
Riflemen*

Jeff K.

Doug P.

Judith N.

Rochester

Sept. 2013

Jason L.

Megan O.

Alexandria

October 2013

Mn Total 156

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November 2-3

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AAR Mora, Mn September 21-22, 2013

AFTERMATH REPORTS... Twas the 21st day of the 9th month, the year Anno Domini 2013.

On this day, six brave souls arrived at the sight ready for a full dosage of the Rifleman's tradition and American heritage! They persisted through the toughest Appleseed conditions I could possibly imagine.

Beautiful weather and one, persistent, RWVA Instructor!

I mean come on, six of them against one Aftermath?

Their bad habit of poor marksmanship didn't stand a chance!

Never the less, after an introduction we began the tedious task of trying to build our positions to ensure a solid-steady foundation on which to lay our steps to hitting our target! What are the numbers again? How do you find your natural point of aim? What were those numbers again?

Indeed, a Rifleman fires every shot by the numbers and if a person learns to fire by the numbers they are on their way to becoming a Rifleman. But it is also true that no one is born a Rifleman. It takes persistence, courage and determination - All appeared in healthy doses amongst the attendees at this weekend's event.

Each and every shooter showed great improvement and I am 100% certain that if they practice perfectly, the skills they were taught - Come next time they will achieve that level of skill cherished by so many but achieved by so few.

Jen, Paul, Gregg, Harriet, Jim and Kyle are their names - It was my pleasure to instruct you all. We'll see you again, on the Appleseed Trail!

Gary, much thanks is owed to you for helping us set this event up and get things rolling. Your assistance was instrumental in making this particular shoot run smoothly.

On that note, I'd like to extend a thanks to the Kanabec Conservation Club for allowing the use of their facilities for this event. And I'm looking forward to the next one!

Sunday evening as we were wrapping up - The shooters presented the shooters with the *Rifleman's Challenge*, being as they are already well on their way along the Rifleman's journey - I amended the challenge. With an even greater challenge getting another shooter to shoot it with them.

A true Rifleman knows that identifying, calculating, and hitting the target is actually the easy part. A Rifleman's greatest and most challenging task is making more Riflemen.

Rochester tomorrow, Hinckley next weekend, Alexandria next then back at Hinckley wraps up what's left on the Minnesota tour. Locations far and near. See you then, or perhaps next year. Keep your powder dry!

AAR Rochester, Mn Sept 28-29, 2013

By Morpheus



The Southern Minnesota Rifle Club in Rochester MN was host to a great group of Appleseeders this weekend. We had a full line and a very persistent bunch of shooters, two qualities that make any Appleseed weekend a success.

Saturday dawned cloudy with rain showers in the forecast, but that did not deter any of the pre-registered shooters from showing up! After our intro and safety briefing, 24 took to the line to stare down the Redcoats on the first target of the day. Even though there were a high number of new shooters only 10 were unable to qualify with three rounds in any of the targets. Not a bad start! We then turned on the firehose of instruction which the shooters were urged to drink from. We waited until lunchtime came (and the rain) to hear the First Strike of the Match by FreedomV which was followed by the Second Strike of the Match by ColonialIron. With the rain lingering we stayed in the clubhouse and had the shooters pair up for an NPOA drill using dummy M14 stocks and laser pointers. Very effective!! The rain wasn't over yet but it was time to get back to the line and continue putting holes into soggy targets. With the afternoon break we were treated to the Third Strike of the Match by Kosciusko (Mr. Unpronounceable, call him "K"). We had time for one AQT and then the final Redcoat to finish off the day's shooting. The one AQT did reveal one new shooter who knows very much what he is about, Jeff K. shot a 219 on his first AQT of his first Appleseed! Well done Sir! Huzzah!



Sunday dawned a beautiful sunrise on a chilly morning. (Yes, I said chilly. It was 40 and I do live in Georgia now, so that is chilly!) We had 13 returning shooters and added the 12 year old daughter of FreedomV to the line. The shooters went through the review and we went into the Ball and Dummy drill before our first AQT of the day. At lunch, a number of instructors gave some inspiring stories of Dangerous Old Men and Gallant Women and Children. During the AQT grind we found two more targets that exceeded the minimum for the standards of a Rifleman. Doug P. scored a 212 and Judith N. scored a 211! Well done to you both and Huzzah!!

I want to say what a pleasure it was to be the Shoot Boss for this Appleseed this weekend. It was definitely worth the trip from GA to be amongst the likes of these fine Americans in Rochester. Minnesota is in great hands with the cadre I had the honor to work with this weekend. Thank you to all who gave of their time to be there and to the shooters who persisted and made the effort to drink from the firehose of instruction and listened to the real story of April 19, 1775. Our Founders would be proud of this bunch.

I hope to see all of you again soon on the Appleseed Trail.

May Liberty Increase!

Morpheus

Dateline November 10th, 1775

A committee of the Continental Congress met at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, PA, to draft a resolution calling for two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. November 10, 1775 the Marine Corps was born.

1st Commandant: Major Samuel Nicholas (1775-1783)



AAR Alexandria, Mn October 12-13,2013 by JOEMORGAN

The Alexandria Gun Club Outdoor range hosted their 4th AS this pass weekend. 10 shooters attended and this was a dedicated group. Saturday's weather was horrible as the weatherman missed his mark. It rained most of the day with whipping winds and lower than expected temps. Despite the conditions rifle instruction and our history was well received throughout Saturday. All shooters returned on Sunday. The sun came out, things dried out and after some review the shooters started to work through AQTs. By days end we had two new Mn Riflemen. First was Jason L. who at his first event shot a 227 w/ his Marlin tube fed. Jason had put in a lot of pre event work and it showed. Next Megan O.(MollyJo) scored a 213. Megan will be 12 in a couple of weeks and this was her 5th event. Megan also stepped up and was presented with a Blue Hat by the Shoot Boss Buzz. Thanks to the AS volunteers BuzzG who drove up from way south to shoot boss the event and DebH who always helps bigtime. And our shooters AJ, MollyJo, Chris, Roger, Scott, Jon, Dennis, Dalton, Ben and Jason.

Thanks again to the Alex Gun Club for hosting the event.

AAR Hinckley, Mn October 5-6, 2013 by AFTERMATH

As always, Saturday was the perfect weather for Appleseeds!
We didn't even have to water the freshly planted seeds - That was provided for free, courtesy of our Creator!



As the cold wind blew, the rain came down and around and a refrain was playing in the back of my mind...

...it's hard to hold a candle, in the cold November rain

Except, in Minnesota, that rain comes in September/October and while it may be hard to hold a candle - The torch of Liberty burns hotter and a little rain ain't gonna stop that! In fact, as the weather becomes inclement the flame burns that much brighter!

We should consider ourselves fortunate for such adversity. It only makes us better and stronger in the long run.

Trust me, we're going to need that strength in the coming days and hours.

Registration began at 08:30 and we were briefing at 09:00 - Off to a good start!

Nine shooters from the metro area and as far away as Fargo prepared to face the Redcoats for the first time - Including a contingent representing Scout Troop 409. While I hate to say it, we fared a little worse than Parker and his men... We had our work ahead of us!

Thankfully, Taylor(Mike), Privateer(Bubba) and Weaslewoods(Dom) had quietly slipped across the boarder that morning to meet with Woody 35 and I.

We quickly got to work. Shooting away at squares and squaring away shooters. Marksmanship improved.

We presented instruction and gave the shooters as much attention as they could handle. Marksmanship improved.

When the groups finally got small enough, we proceeded to learn the other positions and marksmanship improved.

We wrapped up Saturday with quite possibly one of the best overall improvements on the Redcoats that I've ever seen.

Sunday morning we added one more shooter to the line. After redcoats and some quick review we proceed to shoot more squares. Marksmanship improved.

Our line was reduced after lunch on Sunday as several shooters had commitments but never the less they went home with all they need to know about taking up their roll in continuing the Rifleman's tradition.



We shot some AQT's - Marksmanship improved.

We did a few more drills - Marksmanship improved.

So, we shot more AQT's then marksmanship un-improved - Any good SB knows what that means.

It was time to wrap it up for the weekend - It was already pushing the seventeenth hour and the shooters had done well in the areas of persistence and perseverance. They had demonstrated the determination of a Rifleman and though we did not hand out any patches this weekend, if the continue with the same grit - They will soon find themselves amongst the elite ranks of American Riflemen.

Thank you to all who attended this event! Much thanks to the instructors who picked up a larger load when the SB's couldn't talk...

AAR Davilla, Tx RBC October 3-5, 2013 by JOEMORGAN



The round trip mileage of over 2600 miles was well worth it. I set off on Tuesday morning and took two days to arrive in Temple 25 miles from the range. The RBC took place at Battleroad USA and Thursday morning I met our AS cadre Reddot, scuzzy, and Scout. Great bunch of guys. I was joined by three other shooters(Keith, Ray, and Bill) that morning. On Friday morning Ed joined us and also took his orange hat he committed to at a previous shoot. On Thursday we did all the work at 25 yds working thru an accelerated day one of a typical applesed..with the squares and all the instruction. This event was done all with our centerfires...no work with .22lr. At lunch Reddot and scuzzy recounted the events of April 1775 with the first two strikes of the match.

On Friday morning Reddot started us out with presenting the 3rd strike. He then moved into known distance discussion. After an informative session and a short break we headed out to the full distance range. Wow! We did work in the prone position at 100,200,300, and 400 yds after which we recorded our results on witness cards. We did shoot a full distance AQT and then retired from the range for the day.

I camped on site for two days and it was hot. This did allow me to use some camping methods I haven't dusted off for a bit. The second night I was told it was mid 80s at midnight. Needless to say my sleeping bag wasn't needed on this trip.

I shot another AQT on Saturday morning before I started heading back north. Took me 30 hours with a hotel stop for a shower, a meal, some AC, and a few winks. I'm sore and worn out but this trip to Texas was well worth it. I look forward to meeting up with those Texas folks again.



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.

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