



Project Appleseed in Minnesota

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Randy (Warhog on the forum) achieved his rifleman patch, becoming the **100th rifleman in Minnesota**. Congratulations, Randy!

Congratulations to BuzzG for getting his red hat (full instructor status) by double-promotion!

Thanks to all our hard-working volunteers for making Appleseed happen in Minnesota!

Senior Instructors

Aftermath - KD

Shoot Bosses (Green Hats)

vmt193

Whisker - KD

Mogget - Wisconsin

Sven

Martin - Wisconsin

Cooper

Instructors (Red Hats)

Brad76

BuzzG

Sparks1

russellmn - KD

Taylor - Wisconsin

kosciusko (Kevin)

Brassbucket

Instructors In Training

(Orange Hats)

javaguy - IIT4

three - IIT3 - KD

Instructors In Training

tc95gt- IIT2

TheDud - IIT2

SkyWarrior - IIT2 (Now on active duty in the United States Army.)

FivePoint56 - IIT2

30cal4me - IIT1

joe308 - IIT1

woodyandcandi - IIT1

FreedomV - IIT1

GRYPHON - IIT

Joel Coles - IIT

Squib - IIT

Blackdog - IIT

Dicey - IIT - Wisconsin

DDT - IIT

Blue Five - IIT - Wisconsin

Woody35 - IIT

habs - IIT

jaguar96 - IIT

scopes - IIT

Mandy - IIT

Randy - IIT

Minnesota Has a New State Coordinator – Kosciusko

Mike, or as many know him, vmt193 [his Appleseed forum name], was Minnesota's first rifleman, first instructor, and first and only State Coordinator. He was responsible for the first Appleseed in Minnesota, ever!

For three years he has presided over the growth and expansion of Minnesota's sprouting Project Appleseed program. It is thanks to him that we are all here.

In August Mike indicated that it was time for someone new to take the office, and that he would be stepping aside. Finding a replacement wasn't easy, and it took a few weeks. However, being that there was a job that needed to be done, and someone needed to do it, Kevin [Kosciusko on the forum] courageously stepped up to the plate. You may recognize Kevin from many events in this and surrounding states. He's been at every Winona event since the beginning, and is really the man behind all of the now notorious events at the Winona Sportsmen's Club. Kevin is a dedicated Appleseeder and true to the Mission. I can think of no one better to fill the role.

In Winona, on the 3rd Anniversary of our first shoot there, Mike formally passed the torch into the very capable hands of Kevin. Thereby closing one chapter of Minnesota Appleseed history and beginning another.

We owe many thanks to Mike. He will still be out there on the Appleseed trail - instructing, SB-ing [shoot bossing] and BS-ing.

Kevin has some big shoes to fill. Please give Kevin your full support and all the respect due a State Coordinator of Minnesota!

Upcoming Appleseeds in Minnesota

- Rochester, MN - October 1-2, 2011
[Information](#) or [Register](#)
- Hinckley, MN - October 8-9, 2011
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- Hinckley, MN - November 26-27, 2011
[Information](#) or [Register](#)

The complete, national schedule is available at <http://www.appleseedusa.org/search-states.html>. Check there often since new events are added throughout the year.

After Action Report: Winona, September 3-4, 2011

We had a nice full line of hearty souls who braved the weather on Saturday. In spite of being already waterlogged, they soaked up the three strikes and a few tidbits of history but didn't get a lot of time to work on their rifleman skills. Rain, wind, even the thunder didn't scare us but the lightning got our attention. Even without the lightning though it would have been tough to see the targets through the rain a couple times. After having attended, IIRC, every Appleseed ever held in Winona since the very first one in 2008, Mandy fired away with scores in the low 200s including a 212 to earn her well deserved Rifleman patch.

There were several others very close that I have no doubt are up to the task as well, if they can get their equipment to hang in as tough as they are. A lot of fine shot groups that just couldn't get together on the same AQT. Susan, Roger, Simon, David, you guys have the necessary skills. You just need to show your rifles to step up and back you.

Charlotte showed nice improvement in her shooting from earlier this year. And Grant says he'll be back next time with a few more friends and a tight scope mount. Right Grant?

I think Devon thought Roger was just being nice when he agreed to trade places so he and Colton could team up with Randy & JP for the Parker's Revenge Challenge. Little did he know that Roger already knew who the crack shots were and he just wanted to be on the winning team with Dana, Susan, Stephanie, and Mandy.



Three new Instructors In Training

By the end of the weekend we had Jody working the line like a pro, and along with Mandy and Stephanie, stepped up and accepted the coveted Orange Cap of the Instructor In Training. All three of them just happen to be veterans of that first MN Appleseed in Winona as well.

Mike/vmt193



Alumni of the first Winona event, held in 2008

**After Action Report:
Wells, September 17-18, 2011**

A cool and blustery morning greeted seven dedicated shooters as we got started on Saturday morning. They are proving to be good students and their groups are getting tighter. The Wells Rifle and Pistol club greeted us with hot coffee in the morning and fresh grilled hamburgers for lunch. Huge thanks go out to the club for being such gracious hosts.

Sunday greeted 4 shooters back to the line on this rainy day. We hung fresh Redcoat targets and started our day. On the first ATQ of the morning, Randy proved yesterday's target wasn't a fluke and brought in a 226! Nice job! The shooters worked their tails off all day and both Spencer and Joe were so close to shooting to Rifleman's standards. Lots of 190's.. some 205's... one or two in the five. They have the heart of a Rifleman and I'm convinced that the next shoot they will make the score. Mitch came down with a flu type bug and was unable to be with us on Sunday. He shot his Garand all day on Sat. and made good progress bringing his group size down. Dave, we'll get you back on the line at the next shoot!

Nick and Cassie both made good progress on Sat. but another commitment kept them away on Sunday. Hope to see you both on the line again soon!

The Wells Rifle club served up grilled hotdogs for lunch today. Thanks to Dale and John for being great hosts!

Thanks to all the shooters who chose to spend their weekend with us. You all have the heart of a Rifleman and I hope to see you all again soon!

BuzzG

**After Action Report:
Hinckley, September 17-18, 2011**

Saturday, the anniversary of our Constitution, brought out four shooters to the Hinckley Conservation Club range.

Connie, James, Charley, and Deb thought enough of sacrificing a weekend to learn their heritage and marksmanship skills. All had a teachable attitude as was evidenced by greatly improved shooting skills at the end of the weekend. James impressed me by sitting out a couple stages, just so he could question Aftermath about the specifics of what was being taught. I guess that is the engineer in him.

James...get those irons for that rifle and practice the basics given.

Connie...Well done! For never having shot a rifle before, you took the instruction and were really turning in some good groups.

Charley and Deb...great to have you and practice the six steps to firing the shot. Deb was our "public math" whiz.

Sunday...two shooters had prior commitments and could not return that day, but promised to attend another time. I believe the rain and aches from Saturday prohibited the other two from returning. I'm sure they will be back to another Hinckley shoot and I look forward to seeing them.

Aftermath and I spent Sunday at the range...did a 100yd., .22cal AQT. I must say it was interesting and if given the opportunity at least do one. Wind IS a factor with .22's and distance.

Sparks1

Heroes of Early America: Sybil Ludington, "The Female Paul Revere"

On April 26, 1777, when she was only a few days past her 16th birthday, Sybil Ludington rode 40 miles through a rainy night to sound the alarm and muster her father's regiment. The British were attacking Danbury, Connecticut, and burning the town. The messenger who had arrived at her father's house, miles away, was spent and did not know the area. Colonel Ludington needed to stay at home and organize his men as they arrived. So Sybil rode all night, banging on shutters to wake the militia men and calling out, "Muster at Ludington's!" Nearly the whole regiment had mustered by daybreak, ready to go and engage the British.

Today 40 miles doesn't seem like that much. We can drive that distance in about as many minutes on smooth roads, and we have street lights and headlights to show the way. In 1777 that was not the case at all. Traveling by horse on the roads of that era was difficult and treacherous at night. Sybil rode 40 miles on bad roads in the dark and in the rain – twice the distance of Paul Revere's famous ride. This was an amazing achievement brought about by her deep commitment to the Patriot cause.

To learn more about Sybil Ludington search the internet, or see this award-winning movie:
<http://www.sybilludingtonmovie.com/>



Sybil Ludington  Youthful Heroine

A 1975 U.S. Postage Stamp Honoring Sybil Ludington

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sybil_Ludington_stamp.jpg

Come Try a LadySeed!

Have any of you ladies out there felt a little hesitant to come out and try rifle marksmanship with the guys? We are working on getting some LadySeeds onto the schedule for Minnesota. Guys – pass the word along to the females in your life that these will be coming up.

A LadySeed is a chance for ladies to get together for a fun weekend, hear the story of April 19, 1775, and learn rifle marksmanship skills in a more relaxed environment. The cost is only \$10 for the whole weekend for women 21 and over, and only \$5 for young women up to age 20 (there may also be a small range fee). To read about the experiences of some other ladies who have tried Appleseed go to:
<http://www.appleseedusa.org/women.html>

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