



Project Appleseed in Minnesota

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100th Rifleman in Minnesota – It Could be YOU!

Right now in Minnesota we have 97 riflemen. There is a good possibility that number 100 will be at our next Appleseed event! Who wouldn't want to be number 100? Sign up for one of our many upcoming events and give it a try!

Check out our complete list of Minnesota riflemen on the Project Appleseed forum:
<http://appleseedinfo.org/smf/index.php?topic=7383.0>

Upcoming Appleseeds in Minnesota

- Winona, MN - September 3-4, 2011
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- Marshall, MN - September 10-11, 2011
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- Hinckley, MN - September 17-18, 2011
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- Wells, MN - September 17-18, 2011
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- Duluth, MN - September 24-25, 2011
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- Rochester, MN - October 1-2, 2011
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- Hinckley, MN - October 8-9, 2011
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- Hinckley, MN - November 26-27, 2011
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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: Hinckley, August 13-14, 2011

Another Hinckley Appleseed in the record books, and did we ever have fun! Weather for both days was a pleasant summer warm with few clouds and mostly sunny. Threats of rain vanished...however the distant thunder punctuated Brassbucket's strike like the cannon from Lord Percy's artillery on Lexington. Many thanks to shooters and instructors that showed up and knew what they were about.

On Saturday J., Howard, Nygren family (David, Ryan, Molly, Barb, Don), Doug and Sheridan (repeat Appleseeders), Jim, and Stephanie braved the instruction referred to as "drinking from the firehose" from instructors Aftermath, Brad76, AdamT, Brassbucket, and Sparks1, and learned about marksmanship and heritage.

Well done! Well done, INDEED, fellow Appleseeders. You persevered through the day to hone your skills as riflemen/women.



Sunday brought back the same crew and a few others...Andy, Garrett, Brian, and Kelli, for more instruction and polishing previous skills. Brian earned his Rifleman's badge on his first day at an Appleseed!!!! Not wanting to single out anyone here specifically for praise...ALL shooters did fantastic.

Now take that experience and practice, practice, practice. Along with that, teach someone what you learned at Appleseed. AND at your NEXT Appleseed, bring a friend/family member. Honor those founders who sacrificed for you and me.



Did I mention Brassbucket earned her well deserved RED HAT? Just wearing that silk lined hat will make you cooler under all the added pressure. CONGRATULATIONS, BB!

Sparks1

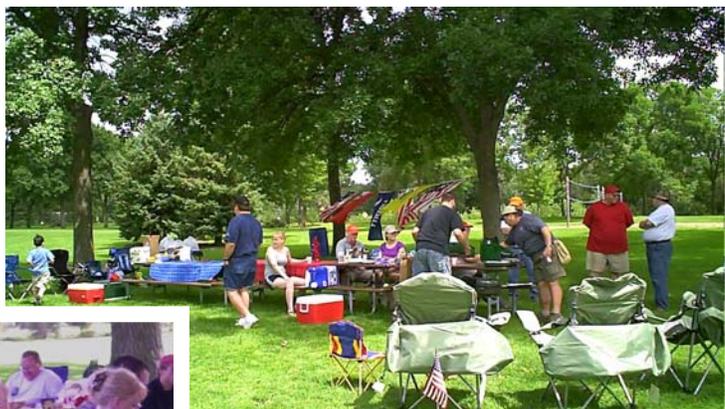
After Action Report: August 7th Picnic

The picnic went well, and the weather cooperated – breezy and mild. We had good food, good company, fun stuff for the kids, and we did the sing-along and learned about some American Revolution songs. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a success!

If anyone wants the specific information on the music and songs we listened to, here they are. All are available on Amazon.com, and some from the library through interlibrary loan:

- *Fiddle Tunes of the Lewis & Clark Era* by The New Columbia Fiddlers
- *Colonial and Revolution Songs with Historical Narration* by Keith and Rusty McNeil, 2 CD set. (This is the one where they give a little talk first, then sing the song).
- *Homespun Songs of the Patriots in the American Revolution* by Bobby Horton

We had a productive meeting afterward, too, and talked about a lot of good promotion ideas and how to grow the Appleseed program in Minnesota. Thanks to Kosciusko for leading a good discussion!



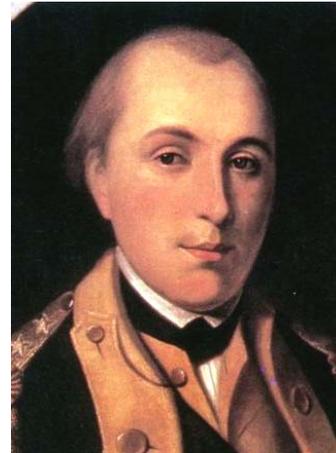
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Heroes of Early America: The Marquis de Lafayette

In July of 1777 a nineteen-year-old French aristocrat arrived in Philadelphia to offer his services, free of charge, as a Major General in the Continental Army. Congress wanted to turn him away as yet another French glory-seeker, until they received Benjamin Franklin's recommendation letter from France. Lafayette became a much-loved military leader during the American Revolution, as well as a close friend of George Washington. His leadership contributed to the success of many key battles.

His strong beliefs in Enlightenment ideals led him to leave a comfortable and privileged life, buy a ship, travel to another continent, and share the fortunes of the Continental Army of a fledgling nation founded on the principles of Liberty. He also used diplomacy to convince the French king to support America in the War for Independence, starting in 1778.

Soon after the victory at Yorktown in 1781, which was the last large battle of the American Revolution, Lafayette wrote, "Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country."



This painting of the Marquis de Lafayette once hung next to George Washington's own portrait at Mount Vernon.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Marquis_de_Lafayette_2.jpg

He was so famous in America that numerous cities, counties, streets, schools, and parks are named after him, including Lafayette, Louisiana and Fayetteville, North Carolina. Most of these names came about after his 1824-25 visits to all 24 American states, at the invitation of President James Monroe to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our nation.

For more information there is a documentary available called "Lafayette: The Lost Hero"

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