



# Project Appleseed in Minnesota

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## Save Money With the New Rifleman Opportunity Card!

On average it takes three Appleseed weekends to earn a Rifleman patch. That used to cost \$210. With the new Rifleman Opportunity Card you can save money and still make Rifleman! Just attend an Appleseed weekend for \$70, buy a one-year membership with RWVA (Revolutionary War Veterans Association) for \$20, and sign up with the Shoot Boss for the new Rifleman Opportunity Card. Then you can pre-register for Appleseed free as often as you like until you have either earned your Rifleman patch, or your membership expires. What a deal! Complete information is available at <http://www.appleseedusa.org/roc.html>.

## Upcoming Appleseeds in Minnesota

- Winona, MN - May 7-8, 2011  
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- Hinckley, MN - May 14-15, 2011  
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- Wells, MN - May 14-15, 2011  
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- Redwood Falls, MN - May 21-22, 2011  
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- Marshall, MN - June 11-12, 2011  
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- Hinckley, MN - June 18-19, 2011  
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- Hinckley, MN - Jul 16-17, 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.

## LibertySeeds – “The Seeds of Liberty from the Roots of History”

A fun new way to participate in Appleseed is coming up – the new LibertySeed program! This is a great way to introduce friends and family to Appleseed and our heritage, without the commitment of a weekend at the rifle range.

These evening events will be held at libraries and other locations. The exciting story of April 19, 1775 and the “Three Strikes of the Match” will be told.

It will not be the story you think you know, or the story you heard in school. Along the way, the story will answer questions you didn’t even know existed, like:

- Who fired the famous “Shot Heard Round the World”?
- Why did it take “three strikes of the match” before the American Revolution began?
- Why were some local peasants (as they were viewed by the British army) able to break the British line at Concord’s North Bridge – in less than two minutes?

You’ll be surprised at how little you know of that first day, the most important date in American history.

You’ll be surprised to find how relevant that first day is to your life today, and that some of the stories of that day, stories you never heard, are unexpectedly inspiring, unexpectedly rouse an echo in your heart.

If you would like to help out and learn how to tell this exciting story to a new audience, indoors out of the wind, rain, and cold, please send a private message to either VMT193 or AFTERMATH on the Appleseed Forum. We will let you know as soon as we have some LibertySeeds on the calendar in Minnesota.



**After Action Report:  
Hinckley, April 16-17**

As the sun broke the horizon on Saturday, April 16th, the morning was brisk and overcast. As we drew near the Hinckley Conservation Club's Rifle Range more snow began to fall from the frosty air. In true Minnesota fashion, we were blessed with all 3 seasons in one great weekend...rain, snow and cold.

AdamT and Aftermath were grateful to have four fine Americans attending who valued their Liberty 'nough to show. Let their names hereby be preserved for posterity: Samantha, Kelli, Scott and John. Vastly outnumbered we prepared to engage the enemy – Ignorance, Laziness, and Apathy materialized in the form of redcoat targets.

RussellMN made an appearance that morning. Later reinforcements arrived by way of DewDrinker – a veteran Appleseeder, notorious for his effort in the Blizzard-Seed campaign at Hinckley in December of 2010.

All participants proved themselves to be great bearers of the flag of Liberty. Though not yet Riflemen, they each have the makings of one. Take care of that seed, nurture it, watch it grow, and share the harvest with your fellow Americans. You owe it to the ones who came before us, and to those who shall follow.

**After Action Report:  
Rochester, April 16-17**

Who would have thought we could have both a Winterseed and a Mudseed in one event. Even so, it's tough not to have a good time at an Appleseed! While the weather made things challenging for ALL the shoots here in the upper midwest, as we all know, "It could have been worse!" April can be a bit winterish here in Minnesota.

Congratulations go out to our new Riflemen! Steph set the bar high for perseverance by earning her Rifleman patch after several Appleseeds. Woody35 pulled it all together after a couple Appleseeds himself. A Rifleman persists! First timer Christopher\_2 turned in a pair of AQTs well over 210 and said, "Enjoyed myself at the Winter/Mud Seed, amazing what a few hand warmers, foot warmers, a history lesson and a little camaraderie can do for the soul. I hope to make it to a few more this year."



*An Acton Minuteman, complete with Brown Bess and bayonet, stopped over from Dorchester Heights to give the real scoop.*

See the national Patriot's Weekend "Volley for Liberty" (all Appleseeders shoot together): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hUfv38qG1s>

**After Action Report:  
Marshall, April 16-17**

I got to the Redwood River Sportsmans' Club on Friday night and set up in the club house where Habs and the gracious Mary were preparing the kitchen for the weekend. The clubhouse facilities were great and I really want to thank Habs, Mary, and the club for the great support. Went to sleep with snow falling.

We had an excellent turnout Saturday morning as 12 hardy souls braved a new snowfall and bracing winds on a day that I doubt made it into the 40's. Saturday was challenging with a lot of equipment issues and the wind and cold, but as true riflemen our students persevered and we were able to shoot a couple AQTs, but no rifleman patches.

Sunday was much better without the wind. 10 students returned and the temperature did get into the 40's. After a quick review of the previous days instruction we began shooting AQTs. Mike Z who had come pretty close on Saturday blew it away and shot a 244 for our first rifleman's patch of the day, followed later by Eric who requalified and I expect we'll see him at Redwood Falls in May and later. Mike M also qualified with the infamous 210, and was thoroughly doused by Habs who spared no water on our new Rifleman. The club was well represented by Habs and Clint who is also a board member and is a new shooter to Appleseed.

Mary was finally able to spend two full days at an Appleseed and is a great shot. If we can get over the equipment issues I fully expect her to be a rifleman qualified shooter with the next AQT. Mike M's dad Charlie came up from Decorah, IA to participate and shared some great conversation. Mike Z and his boys Shawn and Jared came in from Vesta to participate, and both boys were great on the line and showed much improvement over the course of the first day. While Shawn failed to make muster on Sunday, Jared did and earned his junior patch for an effort well done. Bill and Will came in from Lakeville and though new to shooting, showed tremendous improvement over the course of the weekend. I fully expect to see them at future Appleseeds earning that coveted Rifleman patch. Finally Dylan, yet another Habs recruit, came down shot with us and showed alot of improvement. I hope to see Dylan at the next Appleseed and I am sure he can earn his Rifleman patch soon. We had four new RWVA members join; welcome aboard Mike Z, Mike M, Bill and Clint. All in all a great week end.

Special thanks to Kosciusko for bringing the store and his armory, and BuzzG for his insight to bring along tent stakes to hold down the tarps. That helped a lot on Saturday with the high winds. I look forward to seeing both of you guys as Red hats soon.

## **Heroes of Early America**

Mother Batherick was a dangerous old woman who lived near Concord. On April 19, 1775 she was digging dandelions with her musket nearby, when six fleeing British soldiers arrived and begged her to accept their surrender. And these were not just any soldiers! British grenadiers had to be at least six feet tall, they were highly trained and considered tough. Even so, they were fleeing some "dangerous old men" who had stopped the supply wagon the grenadiers were escorting and demanded their surrender.

After watching the two lead horses and their leaders shot, the grenadiers fled for their lives, throwing their weapons into a pond. They begged the first person they saw to accept their surrender. That person was Mother Batherick. She promptly marched them over to the local militia leader. "If you ever live to get back," she told them, "you tell King George that an old woman took six of his grenadiers prisoners." The story did get back to England, where a newspaper asked, "If one old Yankee woman can take six grenadiers, how many soldiers will it require to conquer America?"

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