



Project Appleseed in Minnesota

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April, 2011 Newsletter

Find more information at appleseedusa.org.

Patriot's Weekend: Nationwide Shoot April 16th-17th

The weekend of April 16-17, 2011, RWVA will celebrate Patriots Day by having events everywhere we can all across our nation, with three taking place in Minnesota.

Sign up, show up, watch, listen and learn. We all can learn something, and we all have something to teach. Let's get together and unite our efforts to save a nation. Wait no more, make no more excuses, we need you!

Upcoming Appleseeds in Minnesota

- Hinckley, MN - Apr 16-17, 2011
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- Marshall, MN - Apr 16-17, 2011
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- Rochester, MN - Apr 16-17, 2011
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- 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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- Marshall, MN - June 11-12, 2011
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- Hinckley, MN - June 18-19, 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.

Virtual Muster Night, April 14th

Virtual Muster Night is an attempt to get as many Appleseeders as possible online at once to get out as much information about the coming year as quickly and directly as possible, get as much Appleseed business taken care of as we can, and also to set a new record for online attendance on the forum.

Please join us on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. central time for a very special evening. We will have two simultaneous online gatherings and we invite you to participate in both. One will be at www.blogtalkradio.com/AppleseedRadio where "The Rifleman Radio Show" will be broadcasting live at 7:00 p.m. central, just like we do every Thursday night. The other takes place at 7:00 p.m. central on the Revolutionary War Veterans Association "Appleseed Project" online forum, located at www.appleseedinfo.org/smf/. If you haven't registered yet for an account on the forum, please do so before April 14th.

Save the Date: 2nd Annual Project Appleseed in Minnesota Picnic

We will be having our 2nd annual potluck picnic on Sunday, August 7th from 1pm to 5pm at Brookview Park in Golden Valley.

Come out and enjoy food, fun and camaraderie with your fellow Appleseeders. Bring your friends, your family and your kids. There is a nice playground, plus lots of space for camp chairs. More details to come.



After Action Report: Winterseed at Hinckley, March 26th-27th

Just another bright spring morning in Minnesota: Saturday started out at -7 degrees and rocketed into the mid-20's for the afternoon. Sunday began a balmy -3 and touched the freezing mark in the sun.

A nice 6 inches of snow cover to make jogging ("quickly! quickly!") to the target line a nice aerobic and gymnastic event with a few somersaults and lots of gyrating arms in the never-ending battle with ice and gravity!

Outnumbered, the shooters fought valiantly against instruction until succumbing to irresistible repetition of Safety Rules, Safe Rifle, Steady Hold Factors and The 6 Steps to Firing the Shot.

Newbie Marge went from a few on paper to some pretty decent groups, all while absorbing the History like a sponge. Sheridan is learning the persistence, patience and practice that are required to become a Rifleman, as well as the advantages of having hand warmers inside his gloves, even when the temperatures hit double digits!! Jennifer made huge leaps in her progress to her Rifleman status, and was knocking on the door early Sunday afternoon with scores in the 180's. If they hadn't had to leave early for their long drive home, I think she might have brought home a Winterseed patch; even if it is Spring here in MN.

Thank You to One of Our Host Ranges: The Winona Sportsmen's Club

The Winona Sportsmen's Club range was the site of the first Appleseed in the State of Minnesota, on September 5th & 6th, 2008. Since then, Winona has hosted several more Appleseeds, as well as providing a home for the first Minnesota Instructor Boot Camp (IBC). All previous Appleseed events at Winona have featured a sell-out crowd and we hope that this tradition will continue in 2011.



The club is sits on approximately 100 acres of ridge top overlooking the scenic bluff lands of the Mississippi River Valley. The Winona Club's history begins somewhere in the early 1900s. No one knows for sure when it was first formed, but the club does have a membership card that dates back to 1918.

Facilities include a 100 yard rifle/pistol range, trap range with 5 trap houses, and one of the only skeet ranges in the area.

The annual membership runs approximately 350 members with about half of these being "Life" members. Dues are \$300/lifetime, \$30/annual, and a \$5 daily fee for non-members.



What is Patriot's Day?

Patriot's Day is a state holiday in Massachusetts and Maine, marking the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. This is when the "shot heard round the world" was fired, and is the day the American Revolution officially began. Patriot's Day is celebrated on the third Monday in April, which is April 18th this year.

In Concord, Massachusetts, they take Patriot's Day very seriously and celebrate it on the actual date – April 19th. Minuteman reenactor groups assemble at dawn and march to the Old North Bridge where they face off in a gun battle with a troop of Redcoat reenactors.

Thousands of people flock to Lexington and Concord and Minute Man National Historical Park to celebrate the holiday. The entire weekend is filled with parades, reenactments and commemorative ceremonies.

See maps of the troop and militia movements of the day, photographs of some of the reenactors, as well as historical information at the Minute Man National Historical Park web page located at: <http://www.nps.gov/mima/index.htm>.



Heroes of Early America

On April 19, 1775, a rider on a pale horse came from Woburn and repeatedly engaged the British Regulars all along their retreat from Concord. The Regulars later referred to him in their writings as "DEATH." Who was this man, the sight of whom struck terror into seasoned troops and officers alike? He was Hezekiah Wyman. This day was his birthday, and he had just turned 55.

His wife told him he was too old to serve. But he mounted his strong white horse, advanced to the location of the retreating Regulars, jumped off, laid his musket barrel over his saddle, and used his effective marksmanship with deadly effect. All day he remounted, rode further on, and repeated his feat. He emerged from this day completely unscathed, despite the Regulars' best efforts to take him down.

Come to Appleseed and hear more about the day marksmanship met history and the heritage began!

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