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A TIME FOR PATRIOTS: REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR APRIL TO BE RECOGNIZED AS "PATRIOTS MONTH," PLANS NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION AT APPLESEED PROJECT EVENTS NATIONWIDE THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 20-21.

March 20, 2013 - Ramseur, NC- When Isaac Davis picked up his musket and stepped into the cold morning air on April 19, 1775 to lead the Acton Minutemen to Concord, he had but one short, final offering to make to his wife Hannah.

"Take good care of the children."

Within hours, Captain Davis was struck down by a musket ball fired by a British Regular as he led his men on a march to Concord's North Bridge. He was the first American officer to die in combat, and to this day his image is remembered in the seal of the Army and Air National Guard.

More than 14,000 militiamen answered the call of Paul Revere and other dispatch riders that April morning, valuing their natural rights and liberty as sacrosanct, even as they faced the most powerful military in the world of their time. Because of their principled courage, and unwillingness to bow down to a corrupt and distant king, we won the first battles of what would become our War of Independence. Because of this founding generation that answered the call that April morning, we have the United States of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

To honor that birthright of a nation, the Revolutionary War Veterans Association would like for April to be recognized every year as "Patriots Month," with the history of the liberty our forefathers wrested for us through blood and sweat and desperation shared and remembered by a grateful nation.

To do our part to celebrate that heritage, the RWVA's Appleseed Project will be holding special events across the nation the weekend of April 20-21, 2013, celebrating the moment where marksmanship met history, and heritage began, as well as LibertySeed events to spread knowledge, appreciation, and remembrance of the achievements of the Founders.

Appleseed Pre-registration cost: \$80 per weekend, \$40 for women. One day events and other special events may differ. Reduced rates are offered for those under 18, Active Duty Military, Law Enforcement Officers, Elected Officials, and Revolutionary War Re-enactors. All prices subject to change! Further information, including directions, start times and what to bring can be found on the website: www.appleseedinfo.org. Rifles and ammunition are not supplied.

*By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled;
Here once the embattled farmers stood;
And fired the shot heard round the world.*



*O Thou who made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raised to them and Thee.*



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In addition to the two-day special Applesseed Rifle Clinics on the anniversary weekend, RWVA instructors are available to present the history of Lexington and Concord in two-hour presentations called Libertyseeds to Scout troops, PTAs, schools, book clubs and other civic groups. Instructors tell the story of the most important date in the history of our Republic. Further information can be found on the web site: www.libertyseed.org.

Applesseed and Libertyseed are projects of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization associated with the Congressionally chartered Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Founded in 2006, RWVA is a 100% volunteer organization committed to bringing the very best of traditional rifle marksmanship skills and the story of April 19th, 1775, to each and every American. To that end, they are conducting Applesseed events across the country on April 20-21, with an estimated 15,000 students this year alone. Applesseed Rifle Clinics are conducted in all 50 states throughout the year.

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