

## Local Mountain

### Rumor Confirmed: Mike Got His Patch!

by George Gramlich

The rumor that a third person won the coveted Rifleman patch at last weekend's Applesseed Marksmanship Event at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club range was confirmed when the recipient, none other than Mike "Malfunction" Allen, strolled triumphantly into the *Sentinel's* Main Street office last Monday and produced a genuine Applesseed Rifleman patch to this reporter.

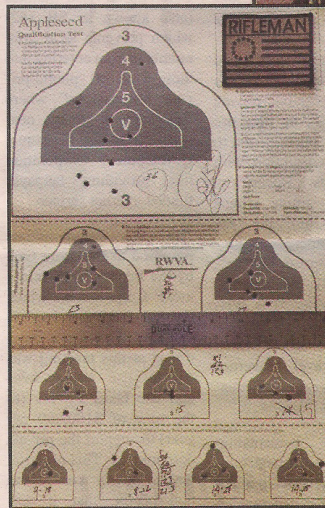
Being taught early on in the newspaper business that one should



Above: Mike "Malfunction" Allen with his hard-won Applesseed Rifleman patch along with the nicely modified Ruger 10/22 that he used to get it.

Left: The AQT (Army Qualification Test/target) target that Mike shot to win the Rifleman patch. A minimum score of 210 was needed and Mike shot a nice 215.

*Courtesy photos from Mike Allen*



winning target from an Applesseed. If he didn't have the target, there might have been some "issues".) And wonder of wonders, Malfunction Mike pops out his cell phone and produces a picture of the winning target, and it showed some pretty good shooting!

make every effort to confirm "facts" and allegations, this reporter asked Mike if he had the actual target that said award was based on. (I knew that he had because one NEVER throws away the award/patch

So, folks, we can reliably report that Mike Allen, resident of Custer County, Colorado, has indeed honestly won one of the most difficult awards to obtain in the shooting world, the Applesseed Rifleman's patch. Congratulations, Mike. Well Done!