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The Liberty Pole

Shooters! Center up!



Welcome Shooter, to the October edition of *The Liberty Pole*, Project Appleseed's newsletter.

We have a great newsletter in store for you this month! We have a special guest article on dry fire by world-renowned shooting expert Ash Hess, an event highlight from one of our shooters, a history article on "Drafting the Constitution", and more! As always, thank you for reading. Now, on to the newsletter.

"Shooters! Your Preparation Period Begins Now!"

Words from the Founding Fathers



"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

***Patrick Henry,
from what is often called, the "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech,
Henry made to the Second Virginia Convention,
on March 23, 1775,
at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia.***

October's Marksmanship Tip Special Guest Post from Ash Hess!



This month, we have an article from one of our Appleseeders that goes by the handle, U.S.Cavalryman. Oh... some of you may know him by his actual name, **Ash Hess**. If you still aren't sure who I am talking about, please allow me... He is an Army combat veteran with 22 years of service, including 4 combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, totaling over 52 months in theater. His training includes the following courses: U.S. Army Master Marksman Trainer, Rifle Marksman Instructor, Urban Combat Leaders', Senior Leaders', Army Basic Instructor, High-Angle Marksman, and Unit Armor Classes. Notable, Ash Hess also wrote TC3-22.9, the U.S. Army's Marksmanship manual. More importantly though, Ash Hess an Appleseeder!

This month, we are extremely pleased to re-publish an article with permission from Ash Hess of [Quantified Performance](#) AND [American Shooting Journal](#). The American Shooting Journal is dedicated to bringing the best in content and industry focus to America's shooting sports enthusiasts. They have agreed to allow us to share one of Ash's many excellent marksmanship articles. This particular one is on a topic near and dear to our hearts. Dry fire!

While we don't shoot with bipods or tripods at Project Appleseed, the fundamentals we teach carry over to many other shooting disciplines. We offer the savvy shooter many tools to keep in their toolbox that they can apply to whatever marksmanship path they choose to follow. One of the things we love to hammer home is that practice doesn't make perfect. If you practice the wrong things, you just get really good at doing the wrong things. Only perfect practice makes perfect.

Without further adieu...

Dry Fire: Where Progress Happens

"For Some, dry fire is a dirty word. It is considered low value and fake. If this is you, I highly encourage you to take another look at it. It is where you fix most of the issues, particularly in movement, draws, manipulations and getting into position[...]"

To continue reading the rest of the article, please click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to see all the Latest News by Appleseeders and/or Appleseed in the News.

Thank you again to Ash Hess and American Shooting Journal!!!

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October's Event Highlight "Bearing fruit with Project Appleseed"



This month, I wanted to give a shout-out to an After Action Report of one of our events from an outside source. **Columnist Dave Bates** For the **Observer-Reporter** did a great review of one of our traditional 25-meter events. Below is an excerpt from the article.

"Project Appleseed has a mantra. Liberty – Marksmanship – History. It does not deviate from the game plan.

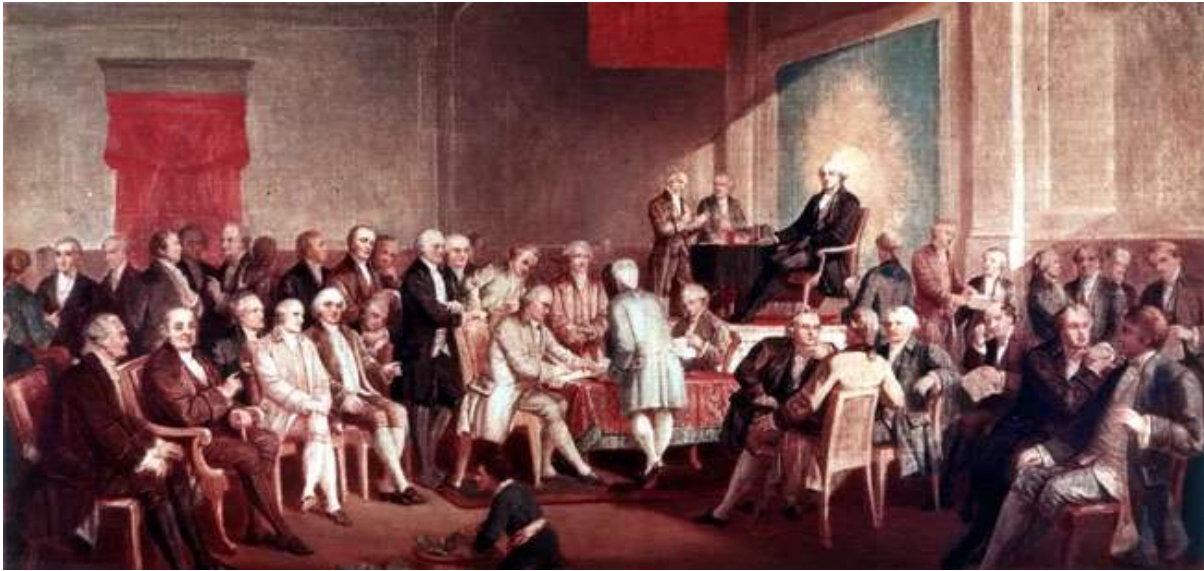
Like most great organizations, sports teams, businesses and such, Project Appleseed derives its beauty from its simplicity. The volunteer mission is three fold: 1. Foster an appreciation for the sacrifices of our forefathers so that citizens continue to live freely in a self-governing democratic republic (the greatest in the world, in my humble opinion.) 2. Teach and preach the foundations of marksmanship that were once common in our nation but have been lost over the years. 3. Pass on the rich history of our nation so that it will not be lost or altered. In short, this background consists of the primary causes and early events of the Revolutionary War.

OK, so what does one do at an Appleseed 25 meter event? [...]"

Click [HERE](#) to read the rest of the article.

[Image Credit: Dave Bates, Courtesy of the Observer-Reporter]

October's History Article: "Drafting the Constitution"



Below is an excerpt from this month's history article on Drafting the Constitution,

"In 1786 some of the farmers, led by Daniel Shays, a former captain in the Continental Army, fought back. The insurrection was put down by state troops however, the incident confirmed the fears that anarchy was just around the corner. Washington wrote to Madison: "Wisdom and good examples are necessary at this time to rescue the political machine from the impending storm."

Madison thought he had the answer.[...]"

Click [HERE](#) to read the rest and join in the discussion on the forum.

[Image credit: Signing of the Constitution, Thomas P. Rossiter (c. 1860-1870) Courtesy Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository]

Partnership with "Right to Bear"

Concealed carry/self-defense insurance options have grown in recent years. Appleseed has partnered with one of these groups - Right to Bear (RTB).

Why Becoming a Right To Bear Member helps Project Appleseed?

"When you become a Right To Bear Member, your dollars are helping to fund our God-given right to freedom. A portion of every dollar we [RTB] earn is given back to the causes that support organizations that fight for First Amendment Religious Freedom, Freedom of Speech, Second

Amendment Right to Bear Arms, Sanctity of Life, and the needs of our Veterans and First Responders."

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The ever-popular **Project Appleseed shooting mat**, custom-designed Project Appleseed shooting mat is perfect for Appleseed events, competitions, long-range shooting, varmint hunting, lounging on the beach, or under a sleeping bag. We looked at other mats and made changes, especially for Appleseed shooters. Easy-to-clean surface with waterproof bottom coating. Just-right 1/2" thick cushioning.

Paul Revere's Ride is the single best historical source for all the stories you hear at an Appleseed event. Thoroughly footnoted, including valuable and detailed Appendix. A highly acclaimed and deeply engaging read.

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As always, all proceeds go to support Project Appleseed.



Upcoming Events

We have TONS of upcoming events lined up all across the country. Below are just a few of the special interest events that we want to mention. Reserve your spot today!

- [Alabama - South Huntsville - Known Distance Clinic - November 2-3](#)
- [Arkansas - Hot Springs - Known Distance Clinic - October 12-13](#)
- [California - Sacramento - Rimfire Known Distance Clinic - October 19-20](#)
- [Florida - Myakka City - Known Distance Clinic - November 2-3](#)
- [Indiana - Evansville - Known Distance Clinic - October 19-20](#)
- [Indiana - Jonesboro - Rimfire Known Distance Clinic - October 12-13](#)
- [Iowa - Van Meter - Known Distance Clinic - October 5-6](#)
- [Nevada - Las Vegas - Known Distance Clinic - November 2-3](#)
- [Ohio - New Philadelphia - Known Distance Clinic - October 5-6](#)
- [Pennsylvania - Beaver Falls - Rimfire Known Distance Clinic - November 9-10](#)
- [Tennessee - McMinnville - Known Distance Clinic - October 26-27](#)
- [Texas - Ft. Bliss - Known Distance Clinic - October 5-6](#)
- [Texas - Muenster - Known Distance Clinic - October 26-27](#)

- [Texas - New Braunfels - Known Distance Clinic - November 16-17](#)
- [Virginia - Charlottesville - Rimfire Known Distance Clinic - October 19-20](#)

Click [HERE](#) to find a 25m event near you!

Rimfire Known Distance Clinic

Known Distance Clinic

Rifleman Boot Camp

Pistol Clinic

Ladyseed

One Minute to Help Preserve Our Nation

Imagine a conversation with John Adams, Patrick Henry, and George Washington after 8 years of bloody battle, years of economic depression, and inner bickering on how to secure their new "America". How amazed would they be with our ability to impact our country in just a minute, compared to what they had to go through? Yet, they would be proud of the fact that we have benefited so greatly from their blessings.

It takes just one minute to write a simple postcard, email, or letter to our representatives to make a difference in preserving our nation. Although you will likely never convince a representative who is dead set on a position, they simply need to know that folks back home are for or against an issue and are watching them. Studies have shown that with just 10-12 letters, representatives on the state level can be swayed. With as few as 50 letters, some federal representatives can be swayed. Not bad for a minute's worth of work once or twice a week. This link www.usa.gov can provide contact information for your State and Federal Representatives.

Find out more [HERE](#).

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If you'd like to support Project Appleseed, there are plenty of ways to do so.. You can [buy tickets](#), [buy store items](#), or make a [100% tax deductible donation](#). We accept and are appreciative of all donations. Of course, the thing valued above all is TIME. Volunteers; those that can give up their time and help us out, in whatever capacity it may be, are what this program runs on.

Thank you! Let's stay in touch!

I hope you enjoyed this issue of, "*The Liberty Pole*". Please, click the links below to follow us and stay up to date. Keep an eye on [our schedule for future events](#). Lastly, if you would like to reach the editor, send an email to newsletter@appleseedinfo.org.

Thank you again for reading and being a part of Project Appleseed.

In Liberty,

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Project Appleseed - a 501(c)3 Organization
Lead Newsletter Editor
Designated Shoot Boss

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