

The Liberty Pole



Shooters! Center up!

Welcome Shooter, to the January edition of *The Liberty Pole*, Project Appleseed's newsletter. Happy New Year!

We have a great newsletter in store for you this month! We have an event highlight from a Rimfire Known Distance Event in Orlando, Florida, a marksmanship article on "How Much Does a Rifleman Patch Cost?", a history article about The Battle of Princeton, an upcoming drawing, and more! As always, thank you for reading. Now, on to the newsletter...

"Shooters! Your Preparation Period Begins Now!"

Words from the Founding Fathers



"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

**Attributed to Thomas Jefferson,
The Declaration of Independence**

January's Event Highlight



This month, I wanted to give a shout-out to one of our recent Rimfire Known Distance events. This one was in Orlando, Florida on December 14-15, 2024 at the Central Florida Rifle & Pistol Club. Below are some words from the Shoot Boss, **TheMenace**

"The students were a pleasure to instruct. It's always fun to work with students that know what they are about and prove it.

Sunday morning everyone was challenged to make their mark with a cold bore shot on Morgan's shingle at 125 yards. Cody, Morgan, Nick, and Yaman proved they were up to the task and were awarded the Morgan Riflemen patch.

Five Riflemen scored 40 or better on the AQT to qualify for the Rimfire KD tab at 200 yards:

Ahmet(43), Cody (44), David (44), Kevin (44), Ryan (42).

Davidjr, KOF, and MAJmorgan rounded out the instructor staff. Thanks guys for all your hard work.

The weather was almost perfect other than a bit of light rain Saturday, but that didn't stop the shooting. [...]"

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



January's Marksmanship Article: "How Much Does a Rifleman Patch Cost?"



This month's history article is another from our archives. This one is called, "How Much Does a Rifleman Patch Cost?" by, one of our Designated Shoot Bosses, Catch-10-22.

"We often say that Appleseed is not an equipment race, unlike many forms of competitive shooting. Appleseed teaches that a Rifleman should be able to shoot 4 MOA with a stock rifle and ammunition, using only a sling. That said, we also do not restrict options for shooters like some competitions do to even the playing field. "You run what you bring" is a motto we embrace - we want Rifleman to be proficient with the rifles they own.

At 25 meters, a Rifleman should be able to place all his rounds in a 1-inch square, equivalent to 4 minutes of angle (4 MOA). Since 20 inches represents the width of a man-size object, being able to shoot 4 MOA means that a Rifleman can control everything within 500 yards - this is called the Rifleman's quarter mile.

Many rifles out-of-the-box in an appropriate caliber these days can achieve that result. This means that there are very affordable options for Appleseed rifles that will score Expert."

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

January's History Article: "The Battle of Princeton"



This month's history article is on The Battle of Princeton by, our resident historian, AH1Tom.

"General Washington began the summer of 1776 with 24,000 soldiers. By Christmas of that same year, the strength of the Continental Army was down to 6,500 and the one-year enlistment for many of those would expire on Dec 31st. To boost morale and encourage re-enlistment, Gen. Washington had Thomas Paine's pamphlet, "The Crisis", read to his troops. It worked and several thousand re-enlisted. This enabled Gen. Washington to achieve victory with the Christmas Day crossing of the Delaware and the defeat of the Hessian soldiers at Trenton. That shocking victory is what was needed to reverse the fortunes of the Americans[...]"

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

[Image credit: "Washington Rallying the Americans at the Battle of Princeton", William Ranney, 1848, Public Domain]

Appleseed Store



Swing by the Appleseed Store and see all the goodies we have in store for you! Don't worry the puns are free!

Limited Edition 'Dressier' Appleseed polo shirts are available in Black only. 60/40 cotton/poly material. Get yours today!

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.

Hats! We have a very nice variety of hats, for representing Appleseed on and off the range. Don't forget about our awesome **Scope kits! Tumblers, Appleseed cards, gear pouches,** and lots more at **The Appleseed Store.**

And don't forget to take advantage of our Holiday Sale on Appleseed Gift Certificates. 30% Off until January 6th! **ONLY 6 DAYS LEFT!!!**

As always, ALL proceeds go to support Project Appleseed.

Product Spotlight:

Project Appleseed 20th anniversary rifle stocks



Boyds Hardwood Gunstocks makes some of the finest rifle stocks in the industry for centerfire and rimfire rifles. We partnered with the Boyds team for commemorative Project Appleseed 20th anniversary rifle stocks!

To order a commemorative stock, call Boyds at (605) 996-5011 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm central time.

You can find more details including pricing and firearm model fit [HERE](#).

NOTE: The gift certificates do not work on the rifle stocks as they come straight from Boyds.

2025 Monthly Drawing!!!



That's right! Project Appleseed will have a drawing each month in 2025! Prizes will include \$1,000 in gift cards from Palmetto State Armory (a nice centerfire rifle - hint hint!) April is special! For the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington & Concord, we're giving away a new flintlock rifle!!!

How can you participate? Simply register for an event. That's pretty much it! All adults who attend one of our events in 2025 during the months of January - November will be entered to win automatically! And yes, the more events you attend, the greater your chances of winning!

We will announce winners via live drawings on our YouTube channel on the 2nd of every month, starting in February. Stay tuned for more information on that soon!

Click [HERE](#) for more details!

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!

- Florida - Hurlburt Field - Rimfire Known Distance Clinic - January 11-12
- Florida - Orlando - Pistol Clinic - January 4-5
- Florida - Palm Bay - Known Distance Clinic - March 29-30
- Georgia - Canton - Pistol Clinic (One Day Event) - March 1st
- New Hampshire - Dunbarton - Pistol Clinic - March 22-23
- North Carolina - Ramseur - Rifleman Boot Camp - April 13 - April 18
- North Carolina - Ramseur - Rifleman Boot Camp - October 19 - October 24
- Ohio - Orwell - Rimfire Known Distance Clinic - February 15-16
- Tennessee - Manchester - Pistol Clinic - January 4-5
- Tennessee - Memphis - Pistol Clinic - January 24th (One Day Event)
- Texas - Muenster - Known Distance Clinic - March 22-23
- Texas - New Braunfels - Known Distance Clinic - March 15-16

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

Rimfire Known Distance Clinic

Known Distance Clinic

Rifleman Boot Camp

Pistol Clinic

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One Minute to Help Preserve Our Nation

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](#).

Want to Support Project Appleseed?

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.

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).

"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."

You can visit Right to Bear [HERE](#)



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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 on social media. Keep an eye on our schedule for future events. Lastly, if you would like to reach the editor; email newsletter@appleseedinfo.org.

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

In Liberty,

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