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Project Appleseed

The People of Project Appleseed

One of the Many Stories of "Who We Are"

Gary, an avid hunter and target shooter, wanted to share the shooting sports with his girlfriend, Sue. He introduced her to his passion by showing and discussing with her various firearms. As she became interested, she was also nervous as she had never shot any kind of firearm before but she was willing to learn. Gary knew that teaching her by himself was probably not in the best interest in their relationship. Further he did not want her to learn any bad habits that he may have developed over time. At a gun show she stopped by an Appleseed table, briefly talked with the folks manning the table, and picked up some flyers and an information packet. They reviewed the information and researched this "Project Appleseed". They made a decision and made their reservations to attend their first Appleseed clinic in the middle of April 2010.

On a cold, wet April morning, they arrived early at an upstate New York gun club. Sue had no real idea of what she was about to participate in, other than getting some training on how to shoot. What she did notice is that she was one of three women out of over 30 participants ranging in age from teenagers to retirees. Even with this very uneven ratio, she was welcomed by all, especially by those wearing Orange, Red, and Green hats, which she learned were the Appleseed instructors.

The morning started with a discussion of rifle safety in preparation for the events of the weekend. There was also a discussion by the instructors about the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. This was to be no ordinary shooting clinic. Over the course of the next two days, the instruction was intense and thorough. There was the rifle marksmanship instruction, the practice and honing of what was just learned, and just as importantly there was the history. The Strikes of the Match, as they are called within Project Appleseed, are all based on fact. These stories are about the inspirational efforts made by the men and women of another April morning, 235 years before.

As a result a new commitment was stirred within both Sue and Gary. A commitment to become involved in their community and the events of today, and perseverance to hone their marksmanship skills. Then finally a commitment to the program that brought this clinic to them. Today, about two years later, both are instructors with Project Appleseed. Just as everyone in this program, they volunteer their time and effort to teach marksmanship skills and to help others to find the inspiration that was shared with them.

They also have a deeper commitment to each other and plan to marry later this year.

About Project Appleseed

Project Appleseed is a nationwide activity of The Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a 501(c)(3) all volunteer, non-partisan, non-profit organization, dedicated to teaching every American our shared heritage and history as well as traditional rifle marksmanship skills.

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