

# 2018 Hunter Testimonials



I just wanted to take the time to thank everyone from Wyoming Disabled Hunters again for everything they have done. To come out to WY and harvest a stud of a mature mule deer buck was an absolute dream! And to do it now being paralyzed in a wheelchair was even better. I appreciate everyone who worked their butts off to accommodate us not only during the hunt, but also at the lodge. I know what goes into preparing for a successful hunt and it is not always the easiest thing, especially for multiple hunters. My stepdad and I recognize all the planning, cooking, scouting and guiding you guys have done to make sure this trip was a memorable one. Not only was my hunt successful, but I have made some lifelong friendships with all the wonderful people your organization brings together. This trip will definitely be a hard one to forget and I hope to eventually be back for some more fun. In the meantime I hope you guys keep doing great things! **Peyton Wolter (WI)** 

My name is David Hillsberg. I have been wheelchair bound for the past 21 years. About 2 years ago I found an article about the Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization. I contacted Wyoming Disabled Hunters regarding a deer hunt, and requested information on how to register for a hunt. I was notified that I was picked for a hunt for November, 2018. I can honestly say that the experience that Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization gave me was one of the best trips that I have ever had!! I would like to thank everyone involved with the organization as they truly make dreams come true!!! God bless Wyoming Disabled Hunters!!! **David Hillsberg (WI)** 







I do not know if I can express my gratitude well enough but Thank You for the opportunity. The entire trip was extraordinary and I would never have been able to harvest an elk without Wyoming Disabled Hunters. The lodging, guides, food, equipment were top notch. Once in a lifetime experience. Thoroughly enjoyed every minute!

Jerry Jones (TN)

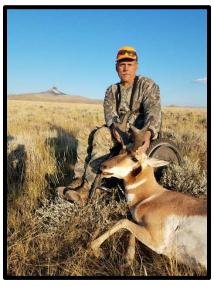
To call my experience with WDH the hunt of a lifetime would be an understatement. I arrived a bit anxious not knowing what to expect. Upon arrival to the ranch I received a warm welcome and was

amazed by the view. My guides Tommy, Matt and Terry made sure to provide me with every opportunity and most importantly, an adventure to never forget! Anita is an amazing woman and cook. She always had a warm smile and plenty of food available. Thank you all for everything that you did and continue to do! You are changing lives for the better and making a difference. I still talk about my experiences and will do so for many years to come. You have all touched my life in your own special way. I hope that I may have touched yours as well.

With heartfelt appreciation, **Thomas Gardella (NC)** Former U.S. Army







One of the finest times I have had. My companion hunter, Dave, I consider my friend now. He was great and all the others that helped and put on this hunt were great people. It was very well planned and executed. I had the opportunity to look at several antelope and harvested a great one. From the time I arrived there until I left it was a great experience. I would recommend this hunt for any one that is handicapped and in a wheelchair. They will give a great hunt and a great experience

Robert Nielsen (UT)

(Written by Jeff Tiegs, father of Briella Tiegs) I don't know where to begin. Our trip to Wyoming this fall was nothing

less than amazing! From the scenery, to meeting amazing people, to listening to all the grizzly stories, and to watching my daughter, Macy, help her big sister harvest a jaw dropper of an antelope! What more could a dad ask for! It's truly saints like you guys that make situations like ours much easier when we can go on these hunts and just "escape" for a week or so and just enjoy the outdoors and great people! And for that, we THANK YOU! Literally the only 2 things that I would say for constructive criticism would be the license process. It would be amazing to get out there and someone would have the license in hand for the recipient. And second, would be a TV (lol). That one is from Macy and Bella as they like their TVs. Again, thank you to everyone for doing such amazing work and donating so much time and resources for folks like us! Briella Tiegs (WI)







I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE EXPERIENCE I HAD WITH YOU FOLKS. IT WAS AN OVERWHELMING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. THE HUNT WAS GREAT, I GOT MY FIRST MULEY AND HAD AN OUTSTANDING TIME TO BOOT. WORDS TRULY FAIL ME HERE. ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, THE GALS COOKING, THE COMPANION HUNTERS AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED BEHIND THE SCENES ARE TRULY WONDERFUL INDIVIDUALS. IT WAS AN HONOR TO MEET THEM. THE GREATEST ENJOYMENT WAS WATCHING THE YOUNG FOLKS BEING ABLE TO HUNT AND HARVEST. THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES, THE SMILES, THE "HOW I GOT IT" STORIES; THAT WAS MAGIC! THEN THE PARENTS, THE COMPANIONS AND ALL THE OTHERS INVOLVED; THEIR SMILES, AGAIN MAGIC. WDH INSTILLS TWO THINGS IN THE YOUNG FOLKS; LIVE LIFE, DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IT AND IMPROVISE, ADAPT AND OVERCOME; BOTH BEING VERY GOOD LIFE-LESSONS. WDH TRULY DESERVES KUDO'S. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR WHAT YOU DO. WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE I THANK YOU AND IF AT ANY TIME I CAN BE OF SERVICE TO WDH, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. MICHAEL G (WOODY) COOTS (AK) USMC RET SEMPER FIDELIS

First of all, I cannot give enough praise and thanks to the Wyoming Disabled Hunters and everyone involved in the organization. It was a trip of a lifetime that I'll always cherish. I had the pleasure of meeting some of the best people I've had a chance to meet. The lodging and comradery was outstanding; every day the food was amazing thanks to the ladies and their cooking. I'll always remember the fun times spent with everyone around the lodge. The hunting was terrific and I was completely blown away with the success and all the hard work Corey and the guides put in. You guys truly have something special. Thank you all so much! Hopefully one day I'll have the chance to come back!

**Kyler Butterworth (MI)** 







It's hard to find the right words to express my overwhelming appreciation to the Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization for providing me with the hunting opportunity of a lifetime. Every person I met from my hunting companion to the support team was professional, courteous, and determined to make this a very positive and successful experience.

After proudly serving 27 years in the US military, I was forced to medically retire due to disability. I never thought I would have the opportunity to hunt elk due to physical limitations. Thanks for helping me overcome these limitations and making my bucket list dream a reality!

John Schrecengost (SD)
Chief Master Sergeant USAF (r)

I would like to thank the Wyoming Disabled Hunters Association for a great hunt that I experienced this year in Wyoming. Ever since my accident in 1999, I have always wanted to go on an elk hunt but I always thought I would never have the opportunity. I applied for the hunt and discovered that I had been drawn for an elk hunt. I was very ecstatic! The paperwork was not difficult and the assistance that I got from the organization was very helpful. I was assigned a go-to person (Pat) and she was amazing. She kept in touch with me and walked me through every step of the preparation for the hunt. We (my wife and I) stayed in a house that was open for me to be able to get around in my wheelchair and all of our meals were prepared. We did not have to worry about a thing; after all, it was our 20 year wedding anniversary during the week of the hunt!! The two helpers (Walt and Charlie) I had on the hunt we're amazing. They made sure I had a great experience and, after all, I did get an elk. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this opportunity a great experience for me and thank you for all you do for the disabled!!! Lyle Shinabarger (MI)





First of all I would like to thank all you guys involved with Wyoming Disabled Hunters. I had a great time getting to meet all the guys involved and also had a great hunt. Your staff is number one and getting to know them was an honor. Words can't express the gratitude I have for all the giving and help on my hunt and I wish the best for all. I wish all you guys a Merry Christmas and thank you again for a most enjoyable time.

May God bless you all,

Roger Nelson (MN)



This was a hunt of a lifetime! Thanks to everyone at Wyoming Disabled hunters, my companion hunters and especially Merlin, who graciously gave up his land to allow me to hunt, and my Dad who gave up his time to

drive us to Wyoming. I am forever grateful to everyone that made this happen! Since we finished our hunt on day 2 (as well as David, with the buck of a lifetime- I'll let him tell his story), we relaxed day 3 and went to the Buffalo Bill museum of the West. Thanks to them allowing us free entry. It was an amazing week that I was sad to have to end. I will be back! Not sure what I'll be after; probably antelope! These hunts have made up some of the best memories of my life, and I have come away with some great friends. Thanks again to everyone that made it happen!

Matt Sather (MT)

