

Canyon Lake Wounded Warrior Hunt

On the weekend of December 17-19, 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake hosted their first Wounded Warrior Hunt. This was not the first time that Wounded Warriors from Brooks Army Medical Center's Warrior Transition Battalion hunted white-tailed deer at Canyon Lake but it was the first time that Canyon hosted a hunt dedicated to only Wounded Warriors. During the 2009 hunting season, two Wounded Warriors took their first deer both of which were bucks and during the November 2010 hunt a third Wounded Warrior hunting with the Serve Outdoors sponsored handicap hunt harvested a nice buck as well. The December 2010 dedicated Wounded Warrior Hunt served 14 hunters that were able to harvest 9 bucks and 3 does.

In addition to the hunting experiences, the entire weekend was enhanced by the sponsorship of the Huey 091 Foundation in that they provided meals, entertainment and lodging for the hunters. Many great stories were shared around the camp fire and over some really good BBQ, Mexican food and your standard hunting camp chow like hamburgers and hotdogs. The entertainment was provided by Nashville Artist, Matt Snook who was flown in by the Huey 091 Foundation. Additionally, the foundation coordinated with the Ft. Sam Houston Recreation Area at Canyon Lake to provide lodging for the Wounded Warriors. The sponsorship efforts by the foundation greatly enhanced the quality of the hunt and they even invited the Wounded Warriors family members to come out for the weekend in order that the experience would be a family experience.

Hundreds of volunteer hours were worked by Huey 091 Foundation volunteers and by Corps personnel at Canyon Lake to honor these men, women and their family members for the sacrifices that they've made and continue to endure. Everyone from the hunters and their family members to volunteers and Corps personnel had a great time during the hunt and Canyon Lake looks forward to hosting future Wounded Warrior Hunts.

