



# Opportunities for U. S. Military & Veteran Sportspeople



## 100% DISABLED RESIDENT VETERANS

A free lifetime general hunting and fishing license is available to resident veterans certified as 100% disabled as a result of having served in the armed forces. To take advantage of this benefit when applying for a public land deer license, the individual must first obtain a Disabled American Veteran (DAV) card and enter the number on the application form. This DAV Identification card issued by the Department permits the holder to fish, hunt small game and to receive a deer hunting license, free of charge, whether through the state draw or for hunting on private land.

Application forms are available from any Department office or online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). Once the card is issued, a hunter does not need to get it renewed. Holders of this card wanting to participate in a public draw deer hunt must apply for a license by completing the application form and submitting it by the deadline each year. Applicants do NOT need to submit an application fee when applying for the draw, but must include their DAV identification number on their application. Holders of this card may obtain a private land-only deer license at no charge at any Department office. DAV card holders do not need to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp or Habitat Management and Access Validation when angling, hunting small game or deer. Any other hunting activities require the purchase and possession of these stamps. All other laws and rules must be followed.

## DISABLED RESIDENT VETERAN SMALL GAME & FISHING

Resident veterans who have a service related disability of less than 100% are eligible to purchase a discounted combination Small Game and Fishing license for \$10.00. These licenses are available only at Department offices. Applicants must provide a copy of the Veterans Administration Award letter as verification of disability status. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required. All other laws and rules must be followed.

## REDUCED FEE GENERAL HUNTING AND FISHING FOR RESIDENT ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

New Mexico residents who are active duty service members are eligible to purchase a discounted General Hunting and Fishing license for \$28.00. These are sold

only at Department offices. Applicants must provide a current, valid military identification card and proof of New Mexico residency. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required. All other laws and rules must be followed.

## FREE IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN GENERAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

Veterans returning from service in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible for one free General Hunting and Fishing License. Proof of service in Iraq or Afghanistan must be presented at a Game and Fish office. Veterans of Iraq or Afghanistan who wish to apply for a public land deer drawing, must pay for the full fee up front and then request a refund through the Santa Fe office. Those who wish to hunt on private land only, may apply at any Game and Fish office, no fee is required. It is not necessary to possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation when angling, hunt small game or deer. All other hunting activities require the purchase and possession of these stamps. All other laws and rules must be followed.

## RETURNING IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN RESIDENT VETERANS-ONLY ORYX HUNTS

Premier, Once-in-a-Lifetime hunts have been established for New Mexico Resident Veterans who served active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. All hunts occur on White Sands Missile Range. Proof of service is required. Submit a COPY of your Orders or DD-214 with your draw application form or fax to 505-476-8180 or email your documents to [ISPA@state.nm.us](mailto:ISPA@state.nm.us) Attention: Special Hunts, prior to the application deadline for these hunts. Please check the current Big Game Rules and Information Booklet for more information.

## RESIDENT PRICING AVAILABLE FOR CERTAIN FORT BLISS HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Active duty soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss may receive resident pricing for hunting and fishing opportunities on the portions of Fort Bliss military reservation that is in New Mexico. Proof of assignment is required. To receive the resident price for draw applications, please send verification of assignment with your draw application or fax to 505-476-8180 or email [ISPA@state.nm.us](mailto:ISPA@state.nm.us) Attention: Special Hunts.