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VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES GOOSE HUNT ANNOUNCED

Keith Harbaugh, director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region, today announced a new initiative to honor military veteran hunters with disabilities.

"We are proud to offer qualified veterans with disabilities the opportunity to hunt geese from a blind in the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area located in Crawford County," Harbaugh said.

The hunt will be held on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015. This is outside of the established shooting days for the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area. This special opportunity will be limited to 40 successful applicants. Hunters may bring an individual to assist, if needed; but hunting will be limited to the lucky 40 hunters selected.

"We are working with volunteers that will be available to assist if the hunter wants and/or needs some help. We have worked closely with the Crawford County Veterans Administration to make this hunt happen," Harbaugh said. "We are excited to offer this opportunity to honor these individuals who have sacrificed so much for our country."

Applications can be obtained from the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Harrisburg headquarters, all six region office locations, and the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area. Applications also can be downloaded from the agency's website www.pgc.state.pa.us. Click on the icon advertising the Pymatuning Veterans with Disabilities Goose Hunt.

Applications must be received at the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area, 9552 Hartstown Road, Hartstown, PA 16131 by August 24, 2015.

A drawing will be held at least three weeks prior to the scheduled hunt. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any veteran who has a disability that consists of the loss of one or more limbs, or the loss of the use of one or more limbs, or who has a disability rating of between 60 and 100 percent disabled as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who meets all other qualifications of PA C.S. 34 (with regard to hunting license eligibility) and is otherwise mentally and physically fit, is qualified to apply to participate in this hunt.
2. Applicants shall provide a statement that the applicant is a veteran and that the qualifying disability was service incurred.
3. Successful applicants are required to possess a valid Pennsylvania hunting license, a valid Pennsylvania migratory game bird hunting license and a valid Federal Duck Stamp.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. LEGIBLY PRINT all requested information on the application.
2. If this application is successfully drawn the applicant will receive a Permit Reservation with additional instructions which entitles them to hunt on the date listed above.
3. This application must be received at the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area by August 24, 2015. Applications must be mailed to the **Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area, 9552 Hartstown Road, Hartstown, PA 16131**.
4. A drawing will be held at least three weeks prior to the date of the hunt. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.
5. Your name may only appear on one application for the Goose Hunt for Veterans with Disabilities. Application for this hunt does not preclude application to the regular season goose hunt.
6. This hunt will be conducted on September 25, 2015, outside established shooting days at the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area, to honor veterans with disabilities, therefore no unclaimed blind permits will be available. Successful applicants will not be permitted to invite additional hunters as is done during the regularly scheduled shooting days.

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