



On Thanksgiving Day of 2009, I was treated to a Mule deer hunt in Montana by H.A.V.A. (Honored American Veterans Afield). The trip was unbelievable from start to finish. Everyone acted as if they were all friends of mine that I had not seen in some time. From meeting Mac Minard (with Montana Outfitters and Guides Association) at the airport in Billings to shaking hands John Wilkinson (Cottonwood Outfitters) after scoring big on a nice Mule deer buck, the trip had that unique feeling of camaraderie. As I boarded the plane to head home that following Monday, I not only left Montana with a nice trophy and some good memories, I left with new friendships and a more positive outlook.

All throughout this nations' history you can read about men and women coming together to do great things. During our time period, H.A.V.A. and M.O.G.A. are two organizations that are made up of those people. As a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I can honestly say that it is the Mac Minards and Tom Talyors out there that made my career as an Infantry Soldier worthwhile. I could not have asked for anything else that would made my Montana Mule deer hunt anymore rewarding.

Thank you,
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