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Longtime Military Veteran Harvests Bull Elk

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), November 30, 2020 – Jason Grant spent 10 years of active service in the United States Army, two years in the National Guard and three years in the Reserves. Throughout this time period, he served three tours in Iraq and amassed a myriad of non-combat injuries that continue to follow him throughout his everyday life. While he had hunted elk before, he passed one up as having not been big enough, and never saw another elk again. That is until October 19, 2020 when he harvested a beautiful 7x7 elk courtesy of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association, Fortune Transportation and Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch.

Jason has known the importance of this nation's military his entire life. He was born on an Illinois Navy base and grew up on a California Navy base where his dad later retired in Modesto, California. Once Jason graduated from high school, he joined the United States Army where as they say, the rest is history.

Jason and his wife Kenitra, both work for the New Mexico branch of Fortune Transportation, a trucking business owned by the Olson family who are members of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association. Jason has been a tireless worker for Fortune Transportation for the past seven years, often times working 6-7 days a week. Perry Olson, CEO of Fortune Transportation and long-time Minnesota elk rancher, wanted to give something back to this extremely valued employee. For the past two years, Perry and Jason's wife Kenitra, were trying to find a way that Jason could realize his dream of harvesting a beautiful bull elk and when MnEBA offered Jason the opportunity to harvest a bull elk in Baudette, Minnesota, Jason jumped at the opportunity.

The hunt couldn't have been more perfect for Jason. They started early in the morning, got set up in the stand and began cow calling. It wasn't until noon that that bull finally made his appearance. Once the bull came within 100 yards, Jason dropped him instantly with a clean lung shot, literally near a path making for easy packing out as well. Jason had finally realized his dream of hunting a bull elk and this one was the size he was looking for! Jason and his wife spent extra time at the facility and the final day ended as magically as the first when light snow began to fall capping off a successful couple days of hunting.

Jason and Kenitra described this hunt as "a really wonderful adventure" and continually shared that they "had the best time" and enjoyed every minute of their time in Baudette. They are already enjoying the great eating they will have for some time and Kenitra plans to boil the skull cap and panel mount the antlers for her husband.

MnEBA would like to thank everyone who generously supported this year's hunt including Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Fortune Transportation and Splendor Ridge Elk Farm who helped cover the cost of lodging, meals and processing.

MnEBA offers our heartfelt thanks, support and gratitude to Jason Grant and to all United States military men and women for their dedication and service to our country.



Jason Grant