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Minnesota Native Veteran Harvests Bull Elk

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), October 19, 2026 – After a very distinguished, 20 years of honorable service in the United States Army, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Clint Miller was looking to once again pursue his passion for hunting but this time, through an unforgettable experience - harvesting a bull elk. This desire turned into a reality as MSG (Ret.) Miller was chosen as the recipient of the 20th Anniversary MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt.

MSG (Ret.) Miller spent most of his military career with the elite Special Forces (Green Berets). Throughout his time in service, he completed numerous combat deployments overseas, serving in a variety of specialized operational and leadership roles. His dedication, bravery, and service earned him numerous military honors, including the Purple Heart, multiple Bronze Star Medals, one with Valor, Meritorious Service Medals, and several other prestigious commendations. After sustaining significant combat-related injuries, Clint medically retired from the Army, concluding two decades of dedicated service to his country.

From the moment he arrived at Hay Creek Ranch in Tenstrike, Minnesota, he felt right at home. He described his hunt as relaxing and a chance to enjoy life as “everything was taken care of”. He knew it was going to be a quick turnaround time, so he went out the night before to check things out before going out early the next morning to find his elk. They went out into the woods and took their time looking for signs of the elk. When they encountered him, they were well set up to harvest the bull quickly and efficiently. He shared, “I really appreciated the opportunity, and I hope MnEBA can keep giving to other veterans. It was a great trip.”

Hay Creek Ranch took care of quartering the bull and got the meat to the processor. Clint is now looking forward to going back to pick up the mount and meat to bring back to his family in Colorado where he now resides.

In the meantime, he is busy with his wife and six children along with serving as a licensed foster parent for the past five years. With everything Clint has going on, he saw this opportunity as a meaningful way to help focus on his own well-being as he has been managing significant long-term physical injuries and chronic pain. Clint shared that being outdoors brings him both emotional and physical healing. Beyond the experience itself, a beautiful mount on the wall will be a great reminder of the positive impact this hunt had on his overall recovery and personal growth.



United States Army Veteran MSG (Ret.) Clint Miller

MnEBA would like to thank Hay Creek Ranch and Aaron Seitz who supported this year’s hunt by providing the facility, guide service, meals and lodging. MnEBA is also deeply grateful to both the American Legion Parkers Prairie Post 219 and Pequot Lakes American Legion – Ben Krueger Post 49 for their financial support to help make this dream a reality for a very deserving veteran. Finally, MnEBA offers our heartfelt thanks, support and gratitude to Clint Miller and to all United States military men and women for their dedication and service to our country.