New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
U.S. Military and Veteran Opportunities

50% Discount on all Licenses, Permits and Stamps for Resident Active Duty Military and Veterans

50% discounts on all licenses, permits and stamps are available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans, as defined by the NM Department of Veterans Services. The discount may be claimed by applying for or purchasing any license, permit or stamp online, by telephone or at any license vendor. Residents claiming this discount must be able to provide proof of active duty military or veteran status upon request.

Resident Disabled Veteran Game Hunting and Fishing

Resident veterans who have a service related disability of less than 100% are eligible to purchase a discounted combination Game-Hunting and Fishing license for $10.00. Applicants must attest that they are eligible for this license. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required, if applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed. The 50% resident veteran discount does not apply to this license.

Military Rehabilitation Fishing License

Members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves learning and practicing fishing skills are eligible for free fishing licenses. The rehabilitation program must be sponsored by the federal government or a nonprofit organization authorized by the federal government and it must be under the direction of a military or federal veteran's administration rehabilitation center. The Habitat Management and Access Validation and the Habitat Stamp are not required with this fishing license. All other laws and rules must be followed. For more information, call NMDGF Special Permits at 505-476-8064.

Special Oryx Draw for Disabled Veterans on WSMR

A special drawing is held each year for disabled veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of 50% or greater. The hunts are on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and dates are arranged directly with WSMR. Residents and nonresidents are eligible, and must register online to be considered for one of these licenses. Proof of disability rating must be submitted prior to the application deadline. NMDGF will provide more information about the application period online in early June. All applicable license fees and WSMR access fees must be paid if the applicant is successful. PLEASE NOTE: Hunter education is required for all hunts on WSMR.

Special Pronghorn Draws on Melrose Airforce Base

Three special drawings will be conducted for resident Purple Heart recipients and active duty military personnel stationed in New Mexico to hunt pronghorn on Melrose Airforce Base. Proof of eligibility must be submitted prior to the application deadline. NMDGF will provide more information about the application period online in early June. All applicable license fees must be paid if the applicant is successful.

100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico Residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the armed services are eligible for a free lifetime Game- Hunting and Fishing License. Eligible disabled veterans can apply for a Disabled Veteran card, issued by the Department, which allows the cardholder to fish, hunt small game and to obtain a free deer license. The deer license portion of this privilege must be procured annually either by drawing a public-land deer license or purchasing a private-land-only deer license. Disabled Veteran cardholders may apply for deer draw hunts at no charge, but no preference is given. A Habitat Stamp is required for any privilege not covered by the Disabled Veteran card.

Military-Only Draw Hunts on Fort Bliss

Active-duty military personnel are eligible to apply for Military Only draw hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn, Barbary sheep and javelina on Fort Bliss (McGregor Range). These opportunities are available to both residents and nonresidents. Proof of service is required each year and must be submitted prior to applying.

Resident Pricing Available for Fort Bliss Draw Hunts

Nonresident active duty soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss may receive resident pricing for draw hunts that occur on the portions of Fort Bliss military reservation that are in New Mexico (McGregor Range). Proof of assignment is required. To receive the resident price for draw applications, verification of assignment must be received prior to the draw application deadline. Documents must be submitted annually.

Resident Veteran-Only Oryx Draw Hunt on WSMR

A once-in-a-lifetime draw hunt has been established for New Mexico Resident Veterans. All hunts occur on White Sands Missile Range. Proof of service is required and must be submitted prior to applying. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required. Please check the current Hunting Rules and Information Booklet for more information.

Non-Resident Disabled Active Duty and Veteran Licenses for Rehabilitation Enrollees

Non-resident active duty members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves hunting activities are eligible for resident pricing on deer, elk, antelope, javelina, oryx and turkey licenses. The rehabilitation program must be sponsored by the federal government, or a non-profit organization authorized by the federal government and must be under the direction of a military or federal veteran's administra-tion rehabilitation center. This benefit is not available through the public draw. Proof of eligibility must be provided.

If required, submit proof of service to: special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov;
mail to NMDGF Special Hunts, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507 or fax to 505-476-8180.

For more information call 888-248-6866