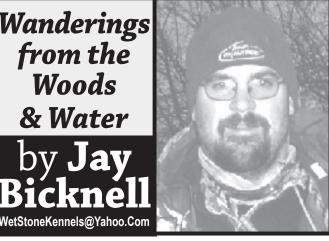
Kenton Bray Memorial Wounded Warriors Hunt (Part 2)

Wanderings from the Woods & Water



authoring with me.

I want to give a brief description of the HOOAH program. The HOOAH pro-Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) at Ft. Campbell. WTB either transition to a regular unit or medical retirement.

This is our fourth year of hunting with the HOOAH program. HOOAH has sevmeans Healing Outside Of A Hospital.

Sergeant Hackworth of said that last year 23 lives were saved because of HOOcontemplating suicide that, because of an outdoor related trip, saved them. Please know that your involvement hunters went back for more is helping American heroes!

Thursday morning kicked off the turkey hunting. All the guides and hunters headed to the woods well before chapter. A new tradition daylight. I got to hunt with my good friend (Ret.) Lt. Colonel Dale Patterson. Dale used to be over HOOAH and this is his fourth year hunting with us. The highlight of my turkey season was calling in a long beard for my good friend. I am pretty sure that

This is a special column I was whooping and hollerbecause my wife will be co- ing more than Dale. It was made six kids for me if anyone of those hunts that I will never forget.

The evening meal was provided by the Estill NWTF The wounded soldiers in the chapter. We all ate and felto get to know all of the solwill last for a lifetime.

The birds were just not workthe HOOAH program spoke ing. The tough day of hunton day one of the hunt. He ing ended with a great meal AH. There was 23 soldiers and hunters a chance to eat well and tell some hunting stories.

> Day 3, a few guides and punishment with the turkeys winning big time. Luckily a giant breakfast was awaiting provided by Estill NWTF was started on day 3. All the guys who missed a turkey got their shirt tails cut off. We also passed gag awards to the soldiers. Even though very few turkeys were killed it was the funniest Wounded Warrior hunt ever.

I hope we helped some

the Freedom to be the best you can be.

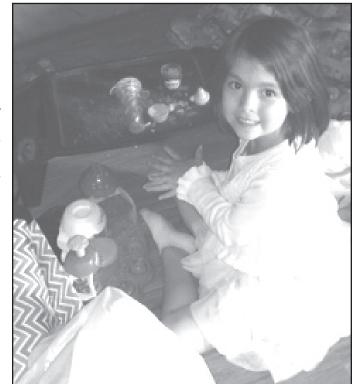
(Chandra Bicknell author) Tasha Alvarez is a precious 6 year old little girl that I got the honor of watching while her parents, who were Wounded Warriors. were hunting. And yes that one is counting!! Something we tend to forget is the kids So, day one of hunting of soldiers. The kids of solended with three turkeys diers go from having a mom gram is associated with the down and a few misses. or dad at home to them being deployed thousands of miles away. The kids of soldiers have to live with the awesome! It was a great time home from a deployment. The children of soldiers roudiers; Friendships made that tinely have to move because their parents get new orders. Day 2 of turkey hunting So while the kids and I spent eral different meanings in the was tough! We had a few time with this brave, inde-Army, but for this program it misses and no kills. The pendent, smart and wonderguides went to every turkey ful little girl, I got to thinkhunting honey hole around. ing about all the children of to realize the freedoms that Lodge. It gave all the guides basis. I had an opportunity to 2015!

soldiers during our hunt. I see personally what the chilalways take something away dren of soldiers go through from every hunt. This hunt so that Jay and I can have the the take-away for me is, freedom to worship God and "don't just be!" Strive to be home school our children. the best you can be, because So please say a prayer for all a lot of soldiers have paid a the children who have a mom great price so you can have or dad in uniform protecting our country. May God bless the children of our soldiers!!

There are so many people involved that made this a success. I just want to say THANKS to everyone that helped! Thanks to the guides for working hard during a tough turkey season. Thanks to all the folks who donated to the hunt. Thanks to the DAV, Twin City Kruzers, Estill NWTF chapter, and the Masons. Most of all Thank God for great weather and a safe hunt.

I went to the mailbox this morning and had a letter lowshipped. The food was fear of a parent not coming from an 80 year old lady in Indiana who reads my column. She knew my Granny Richardson. She sent me some old pictures of my granny. Thanks for letting me write for you! It's special moments like that letter that makes writing so much fun!

Until next week, get out soldiers. This experience has and enjoy God's creation! humbled me and helped me Looking forward to next year's Kenton Bray Memoprovided by the Masonic I take for granted on a daily rial Wounded Warrior Hunt



Tasha Alvarez daughter of Wounded Warriors Oscar and Barbara Alvarez



Guides and Soldiers



Matt Plowman, Jose Sixtos, Kelby Browning



Cindy Brook

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