

**CMO HUNT WITH SPC MATT KRUMWIELDE**



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he moment Combat Marine Outdoors scheduled our trip to North East Texas to visit Robert Williams' ranch, we were anxious to visit and see 1st hand all the beautiful deer. We were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams Sr., his daughter and ranch manager, Maree Lou Williams, and by Tim Condict of Deer Breeders Corp. A memorable reception full of smiles and laughter bringing people together from many backgrounds to share the outdoors.

A tour of the ranch, as we listened and learned management practices by the many years of Robert Williams brought us front and center upon a young 11 pt. yearling that had been severely gored by another buck. US Army Specialist Matt Krumwielde assisted in putting down this young deer that had premier genetics, but due to nature, the bucks life was cut short. We quickly understood the risks and the importance of managing a healthy herd of deer, but also understood that these deer are wild and live by the law of the land and survival of the fittest.

The focus was on Specialist Matt Krumwielde and his service in the military. Matt explained to us how on the battlefield, the strongest and smartest soldiers always

always strive to stay ahead of their enemies. Matt's service was cut short after an Improvised Explosive Device planted by the enemy almost took his life and resulted in the loss of his legs, along with many other injuries. He was very grateful and appreciative for the opportunity to have a chance to live his life the best he could, in spite of his injuries. Matt is a strong and courageous young man that has many goals that he would like to accomplish in his lifetime.

At the end of the day, as we sat around the fire pit, we discussed the next day's schedule as Robert was wanting to find the best approach to help Matt find a mature deer. Optimism was high and we agreed that they would go and see how the hunt materialized.

The next morning, the most exciting and dramatic scene unfolded quickly. Talent and finesse was used to bring the right buck to Matt. Robert grabbed some antlers and began to rattle them as Matt followed right by his side, armed and ready for action. Within seconds Robert's rattling had called up some bucks that came in looking for a fight. As soon as it happened, Matt raised his rifle and delivered a smooth and perfectly placed bullet in the right spot and dropped a huge whitetail buck in his tracks. Everything could not have been scripted better as everyone realized that it was meant to be because of the way it came together.



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Combat Marine Outdoors focus is on the experience and the mentorship by creating everlasting friendships between our Warriors, hosts, and supporters. The memories built during our visit will last forever, as the details are what makes every moment special. We look forward to our next adventure in the Outdoors with another Hero that deserves the best America has.

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