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SRS Sponsors Deer Hunt for Wounded Warriors

AIKEN, S.C., (Oct.. 22, 2012) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) once again hosted the Savannah River Site's Wounded Warriors Deer Hunt, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The event was held on Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20.

"There's no doubt that this is one of the highlights of our hunting season," said Ed Spears, SRNS Deer Hunt Coordinator. "A lot of these participants were very active before they were injured and have a passion for the outdoors. We're honored to be able to offer them this opportunity."

Spears noted that most of the wounded warriors are patients from military medical facilities in Augusta, Ga. where they are receiving treatment and rehabilitation services.



U.S. Army Sgt. Andrew Appelberg (left) and his SRNS volunteer escort Bill Harlow, discuss hunting strategy considering the geographical location of their blind and the type of shotgun ammunition being used during this year's Wounded Warrior Hunt which was held on Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Savannah River Site in honor of our wounded veterans.

Each of the 25 disabled hunters had a volunteer escort to assist them into position and to fulfill other hunting-related needs.

"This is so amazing," said U.S. Army Sgt. Andrew Appelberg, wounded in Kandahar, Afghanistan. "Two days away from the Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta and hunting with my friends in the forest means so much to us. We really appreciate all the work that went into making this possible."

The Savannah River Site is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and is managed and operated by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

According to volunteer escort Gene Chriswell, SRNS Crane Inspections Department, it's all about giving back. "I've been volunteering to help with deer and turkey hunts at SRS for years now. It's quite an honor to serve those who have not only put their lives on the line for our country, but were also seriously wounded in the process," said Chriswell.

A banquet dinner was held on Friday and a lunch on Saturday in honor of the nation's wounded warriors.

U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson attended Friday's hunt, taking time to talk one-on-one with many of the wounded veterans, and expressing his appreciation for their sacrifice and service to our country.

SRNS manages the annual deer hunt program for the U.S. Department of Energy and provides all the necessary equipment needed to participate.

For more information on SRS sponsored deer control activities, please visit:
www.srs.gov/general/deer_hunt/hunt.htm

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