

Veterans/Members Waterfowl Hunt

NCC SCI 2019 VETERANS/MEMBERS WATERFOWL HUNT

December 30, 2018 - January 1, 2019

If you are interested in joining us on this year's hunt please contact Veterans Committee Co-Chair, John Graham via email at johngraham95@gmail.com or by phone at (703)431-4195.

Members

I am pleased to share with you that our sixth annual members/veterans waterfowl hunt is quickly approaching and the good news is we still have spots available. Don't miss out on this very exciting hunt. This year we will hunt December 31 and January 1 arriving at the hotel in Easton, MD on December 30 mid afternoon.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the hunt, this hunt is hosted by long time and generous donor to the chapter, Kirby Byran, owner of Chesapeake Goose and Duck Hunts in Chestertown, MD. Kirby has agreed to host 6 active duty/retired service members again this year.

This hunt started with just a few guys and has grown into one of the chapter's most popular member/veteran outings. It has also gained national recognition from SCI for our chapters involvement in supporting our veterans. The chapter received two awards for veteran activities at the 2015 national convention, a third at the 2016 convention, and a fourth in 2017. Our chapter is very humbled to have received such high recognition for its events.

This year's hunt will begin on Sunday December 30, 2018 with everyone gathering at the hotel for a simple pulled pork bbq and side dishes. Sunday evening will be wrapped up with a brief welcome/safety meeting. We will divide into blind groups and hunt on Monday December 31 and Tuesday January 1.

Breakfast foods will be provided by the hotel. Deli meats and snacks will be available to prepare bag lunches of your liking to be carried to the blinds for hunting days. Dinner on Monday night will be prepared and served in the private conference room at the hotel.

Meal costs this year have been cut to \$30 per person. The hotel has agreed on a group rates of \$105 a night with double occupancy. Blind fees per person are \$200.00 a day. All blinds are fully guided and equipped with professional grade decoys.

All bird cleaning must be done at the local picking station. If I remember correctly from last year the picking station fees are \$4.00 per bird with includes picking and breasting. Birds can be left whole by request if desired.

A valid MD hunting license and federal waterfowl stamp are required to hunt. A MD 3 day nonresident waterfowl hunting license and MD waterfowl stamp are available online. Federal stamps can also be bought online through Marylands DNR website or at any U.S. Post Office.

For those of you who have never tried waterfowling this is a great opportunity to get introduced to a great time. (Not responsible for any addictions caused) This hunt does not require any special gear or experience. Most of the blinds that are hunted do not require waders or any other specific clothing. This is also a great opportunity to interact with some of Americas bravest soldiers. Many memories and friendships have been made at this outing.

Below is a breakdown of costs person for the hunt.

Blind fee \$400.00

Lodging fee \$105.00 (double occupancy)

Meals \$30.00

Guide Gratuity \$60.00 (\$30.00 per day)

Federal stamp \$25.00

MD 3 day nonresident license \$45.00

MD waterfowl stamp \$9.00

Picking fees depend on how many birds are cleaned

A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required to lock in your spot.
If you are interested in joining us on this years hunt please contact me via email
at johngraham95@gmail.com or by phone at (703)431-4195. Deposits can be made by check
payable to National Capital Chapter-Safari Club International and send to chapter treasurer Wayne
Graham at 207 Ashford Court NE, Leesburg, VA 20176
Don't miss out. Hope to see you there.

Happy Hunting
John Graham