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Manager's Message

Dear Members: _____ *by Marlene Morss*



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**Happy Thanksgiving
High Plains Power
will be closed
November 28th & 29th.**

November is a month to be thankful. Thankful for family, for friends and for our Veterans.

As we get closer to Thanksgiving there are many things I am thankful for - my family, my freedom, my good health and my other family--the great people I am privileged to work with at High Plains Power. I also am grateful for our great cooperative and the principles we stand by. I am thankful for the great value the Co-op brings me as a member and as an employee.

High Plains Power has a special affinity for veterans. Perhaps because our values are so closely aligned - focusing on service, mission and country. It's because several veterans return to their hometowns following active duty and share their work ethic of teamwork, cooperation and a "get it done" attitude.

One way we support veterans is through the Hunting with Heroes program. This non-profit and charitable organization, formed in 2013, is dedicated to giving back to disabled veterans who served our country and sacrificed to keep us safe. Hunting with Heroes works with state agencies,

landowners and volunteers to offer custom programs designed for the unique needs of each disabled veteran. Partnering with the Wyoming Game and Fish, and using donated big game licenses, the licenses are reissued to a disabled veteran. Guides, rifles, gear, room and board are provided for these heroes. Trapper Bradshaw, one of our linemen, was honored to serve as a guide for pronghorn and elk hunting with two military veterans from Tennessee. Lt. Colonel Wanke Sr. states, "As a Commander I would have fought to have Trapper in any of my organizations especially when the mission called for clear thinking, physical stamina and just plain grit. You must be proud of him."

Yes, Lt. Colonel we are proud of Trapper, but most importantly we are proud and thankful of all the veterans who have preserved and defended our great nation. America must never forget your great sacrifices.

God bless you and God bless America!



High Plains Power is proud to help support

Hunting with Heroes 2019

We're a non-profit organization that helps disabled veterans get out and enjoy the Wyoming outdoors through hosted big game hunting programs. The primary goal of our hunting program is to give something

back to those who served our country and sacrificed to help keep us all safe.



Tim Wanke Sr and Lineman Trapper Bradshaw

"Never was so much owed by so many, to so few." – Winston Churchill

"My name is Tim Wanke Sr, a retired Lieutenant Colonel and I had the distinct pleasure of hunting with Trapper Bradshaw recently. I would be remiss if I didn't write to thank High Plains Power for giving him the time to guide my son and me on our hunt.

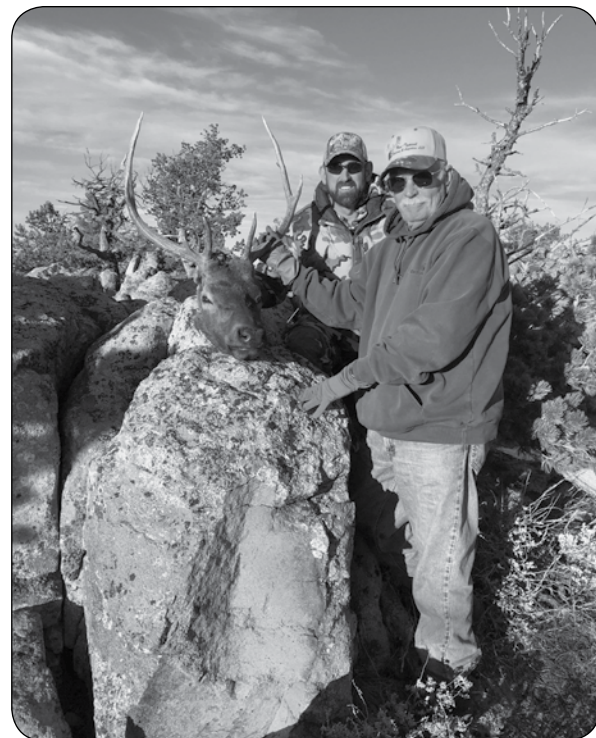
His knowledge and skill allowed us to find and harvest two beautiful antelope. With his guidance he put us in position for the two shots, one being about 500 yards and the other about 258. Two days later I was on top of Copper Mountain stalking elk. After 5 set-ups, I harvested a 5 x 5 at a range of 576 yards with Trapper's rifle. During the hunt he had me climbing into rocks that I didn't think possible.

Unfortunately, after the shot my legs were like rubber and I was unable to help pack out the elk. Trapper cut the elk and brought out half on Sunday and the other half the next day.

I spent 28 years in the military, first in the Marine Corps with a tour in Vietnam. After university I joined the Army, too old for the Corps. I commanded an Infantry Rifle Company and a Blackhawk Aviation Battalion both in the 101st Airborne Division. My last job in the Division was Director of Plans, Training and Mobilization during Desert Storm. I have had a multitude of challenging assignments including the day surveillance of the East German/

Czech border. I say all of this to illustrate that I am a pretty good judge of character. As a Commander I would have fought to have Trapper in any of my organizations especially when the mission called for clear thinking, physical stamina and just plain grit. You must be proud of him. I hope that I will have the opportunity to hunt with him again. Thank you once again for lending us one of your best."

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it....it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." – Unknown



November 11th - Veterans Day

Remember those who have served

"For the veteran, thank you for bravely doing what you're called to do so we can safely do what we're free to do." - Unknown



My name is Tim Wanke II, from Clarksville TN. I am a combat veteran from OIF/OEF/OND Iraq. I worked in Combat Support Hospitals all throughout Iraq. Upon my return from Iraq I was different. PTSD with Chronic Bi-Polar disorder was one of the many things I was diagnosed with. The Army medically retired me at 90% disability. I loved being an NCO(SGT) in the Army and I still work with soldiers daily but as a federal employee. I am passionate about hunting, and it's the best therapy there is, and I've been through a TON of therapy (lol).

First and foremost, thank you. Thank you for helping my father and I check off a lifelong dream and thank you for creating a program to give back to our Nation's Veterans. One of the trophy's I received from my recent trip to Wyoming was my friendship with Trapper Bradshaw. By your company allowing "Trap" a few days off created a lifetime of memories between my father and I. I'm 42 and my dad is 77, so next season isn't a guarantee anymore.

My introduction to Trapper was low crawling through every cactus in Wyoming, but because of him, I harvested my fist antelope buck. Now it was dad's turn. I tagged along while Trap, and dad put a stalk on his animal. After a quick set up, and using Trap's weapon, dad made a 250 yard heart shot on his buck. And just like that, in one day, our antelope tags were filled. Not only did Trap help us fill our tags, he also European mounted both our antelope bucks (still not sure when he had time to do that).

Our first day elk hunting was an experience. It had snowed the day prior so the mountain was

beautiful and COLD. We didn't see any elk that day but we had a great day nonetheless. The next day I hunted with Trap's partner Shawn Stepphan and took my first bull elk. Of course, I sent the first pics to Trap. Dad's hunt was difficult the following morning. Trap is part mountain goat so he would scout ahead for animals, and he found them. Trap assisted my father every step of the way. We climbed, crawled, cursed, but we got there. Dad missed a shot, but the animals reappeared. Another perfect 567 yard shot and the bull fell...far away. This bull was so far off the "path" that Trap had to quarter it and pack it out...on his back. I helped a little, but I'm a Tennessee boy (lol). Four trips had to be made up and down the mountain (seemed like it was always up hill). But it got done, only because of Trap.

Trap is also euro mounting the elk skulls for us, too. Trap was 100% engaged the entire time we spent with him. Honest, hardworking (the mountain goat part), genuine person whom I have the pleasure of knowing because of High Plains Power and your exemplary program. I'm in debt to you and Trap for the perfect memories I made with my father. Please continue to use Mr. Bradshaw to help fellow veterans. I can't think of a better representative for your company.



Tim Wanke Jr

Celebrate family and friends this Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action." - W.J. Cameron



Ramsey Allen, Lineman with High Plains Power used the bucket of a utility truck to free the bird and hand him off to Brown. "Special thanks to Ramsey Allen who took the time to help resolve this situation," Brown said. "While Allen was in the air, he took the time to clean the rest of the twine out of the nest that the osprey had originally become entangled in, and he did so despite being bombarded by the other osprey defending the nest!"

See the entire article on the Wyoming Game & Fish Department's website at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Regional-Offices/Cody-Region/Cody-Region-News/A-good-deed>.

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