

Mark Obrien - Bow Hunter Benefit



Native of WNY and Iroquois High School graduate, Mark Obrien felt it was his patriotic duty to serve our country by dropping out of college shortly after 9/11, and joined the Marine Corps.

Mark was a member of the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines and deployed twice to Iraq. The first was as part of the initial invasion into Iraq in March 2003 and the second to the Anbar province. Only 69 days into his 2nd tour, Mark was shot with an armor piercing rocket that resulted in the amputation of both his right arm and leg. After numerous surgeries and 10 months of intense rehab, he was medically retired by the Marine Corps.

During and after those 10 months he returned home to WNY, enrolled back into school, got back into hunting and fishing, married a high school friend (wife Michelle), went to work for the Erie County Sheriff's Department and has two beautiful sons.

After "sitting on the sidelines" during archery season, Mark had an epiphany! He sewed together an old prosthetic harness to make a release that allows him to draw a bow by activating the release with his mouth. He has since taken big and small game and has furthered his archery endeavors into competitive archery.

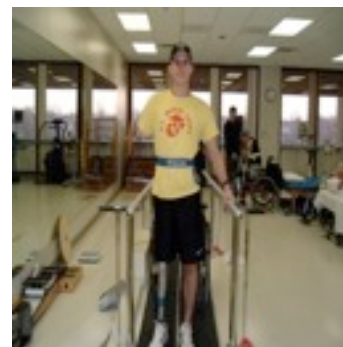
Mark is constantly striving to get to the next level, hurdling obstacles that able bodied take for granted. Mark's goal is to compete on the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Team in the Wounded Warrior Games of 2012, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. For Mark, archery is therapeutic and allows him to "...forget sometimes that my body is broken."

Help us send a Wounded Warrior to the Games!

WHERE and WHEN: Double J Archery September 17th & 18th
- and -
Route 157 Archery World September 24th & 25th

WHAT: 30 targets each, Hunter up to 35 yards, Open up to 50 yards
\$25.00 PRE-REGISTRATION/PAYMENT REQUIRED (EACH) -OR-
\$40.00 PRE-REGISTRATION/PAYMENT REQUIRED (FOR BOTH)
(if unable to attend both events, but are pre-registered and paid, entrants remain eligible for prizes, but must be present at 2nd event for Grand Prize drawings). Refreshments provided, 50/50 raffles

CONTACTS: For registration and further information call either number,
716-867-9802 Double J Archery -or- 814-229-5059 Route 157 Archery World
or go to the websites noted below



www.DoubleJArchery.com

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