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## **Atkins Veteran Claims \$230,000 In Lottery's Natural State Jackpot**

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LITTLE ROCK – A retired Atkins Marine Corps veteran, who served twice as a platoon commander in Vietnam, claimed a lottery prize worth \$230,000 today but didn't realize he had won the jackpot until he arrived at the lottery Claim Center.

Roy Morris purchased the Quick Pick Natural State Jackpot ticket at Tobacco Town Atkins, 903 N. Church St. for the Aug. 28 drawing. The winning numbers were 7, 10, 18, 30, and 31.

Morris didn't discover that he had won anything until yesterday when he scanned his ticket at the retailer.

"The ticket checker told me that I needed to file a claim form. I knew I had won more than \$500 but wasn't sure about the amount," he said.

Morris asked his sister, Shirley, to drive him to Little Rock due to him having problems with his truck.

"I prayed last night before our trip that Roy had won it all. He helps everyone and will give them his last dollar," she said. "I'm so proud of my brother, and he deserves this!"

The duo didn't discover that Shirley found the answer to her prayers until lottery officials told them Morris had won the \$230,000 jackpot.

Morris plans to help his family and make repairs on his truck with his winnings.

"To be honest, I finally got excited about my win when I realized that I could finally get

my truck fixed! I have two priorities – my family and truck,” Morris chuckled. “I’m going to make my ride pretty!”

### **About Natural State Jackpot**

Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) is a drawing game exclusive to Arkansas. NSJ drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m. CST. The jackpot starts at \$50,000 and increases by \$5,000 every draw until it hits \$150,000. After that, it increases by \$10,000 every draw until it’s won. Five numbers are drawn from 1 to 39. If all numbers match those that are chosen, the player will win the jackpot. If other players also match all five numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each play is \$1.

### **About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery**

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the Lottery has provided more than \$859 million to help fund more than 542,000 college scholarships, more than \$2.9 billion in prizes to players, more than \$255 million in retailer commissions and more than \$127 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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