

# Bridging Loss and Hope: The TAPS Legacy

TAPS is the national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care and comprehensive resources to all those grieving the death of a military or veteran loved one. TAPS ensures that all those grieving a loss in the military community receive lifelong, free, and unlimited grief support, trauma-informed care, and connections with customized and meaningful resources. TAPS stands shoulder-to-shoulder with our partners in the Department of Defense of Veterans Affairs to supplement survivor support and care by providing professional expertise and swift assistance to everyone grieving the death of a military loved one. Through agreements with each military service branch and component, TAPS connects all military survivors with immediate 24/7 support. As a 501(c)(3), TAPS is entirely funded by private donations.

## CARING FOR ALL THOSE LOVED AND LEFT BEHIND

Connecting military survivors with TAPS immediately after the loss of a service member is crucial for fostering a healthy grief journey. TAPS prioritizes peer support through diverse programs, providing a valuable network that understands the unique challenges of military bereavement. This connection ensures that survivors receive custom and specialized care during the critical times immediately following a death. All TAPS services are offered at no cost to the government, taxpayers, or the survivors themselves, making us an invaluable resource of comfort, care, and healing for the loved ones of all who served and died.



*"TAPS has been a great and much-needed resource for my personal and unique journey. I've met amazing people and have a network of support that I can lean on."*

# TAPS

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM FOR  
SURVIVORS

202.588.TAPS (8277)  
@TAPSOrg  
TAPS.org

Survivors connected with  
TAPS receive a minimum of

# 432

messages of hope  
and healing every year

Daily Reflection Messages

Invitations to TAPS Events

TAPS Care Groups

TAPS Togethers

TAPS Survivor Seminars

Good Grief Camps

Angelversary Cards

Quarterly Magazine

Customized Resource Kits

Individual Peer Mentors

TAPS Family Newsletters



The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) was founded in 1994 to provide 24/7 compassionate care and comprehensive resources to all those grieving the death of a military loved one. Through professional peer support and psychosocial care, TAPS provides services and programs to military and veteran survivors at ZERO cost to the government, taxpayers, and military survivors. TAPS is the only organization providing support and resources to anyone grieving a military or veteran death in every duty status, every cause of death, and every relationship to the deceased.

**TAPS**  
*Survivors Helping  
Survivors Heal*

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS



“ Right after my husband died, I felt like I was under a massive waterfall and couldn’t come up for air. TAPS was my ‘air’ and has given me hope. ”

– TAPS Surviving Spouse

## CARE & SUPPORT

CALL 24/7  
800.959.TAPS (8277)

### CORE SERVICES

- ★ 24/7 National Military Survivor Helpline
- ★ Peer-Based Emotional Support
- ★ Community-Based Care
- ★ Casework Assistance

### PROGRAMS

- ★ 24/7 Survivor Support
- ★ Seminars and Retreats
- ★ TAPS Online Programming
- ★ Counseling Connections
- ★ Education Support
- ★ Military Mentors for Kids
- ★ Advocacy for Survivor Benefits
- ★ Grief Camps for Kids
- ★ Survivor Publications
- ★ TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing®
- ★ Emergency Financial Assistance
- ★ Emotional Support
- ★ Grief and Trauma Resources

# TAPS MISSION AND VISION

WE *provide* COMFORT, CARE, AND COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCES TO ALL THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A MILITARY OR VETERAN LOVED ONE.

WE *honor* OUR MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICE MEMBERS BY CARING FOR ALL THOSE THEY LOVED AND LEFT BEHIND.



# TAPS is a Lifeline for a Lifetime

## IMMEDIATE CONNECTION IS ESSENTIAL

TAPS provides 24/7 support for those impacted by the loss of a military or veteran loved one. Upon connection with a survivor, TAPS initiates contact through phone calls, texts, and email.

We send personalized care packages and link individuals to specialized programs via the National Military Survivor Helpline and the Survivor Intake Peer Specialists. TAPS also facilitates connections with peers across all generations and all manners of death. We host survivors at local support groups, and connect them with vetted mental health professionals. Regional and national seminars bring survivors of all ages together with specialized grief and trauma programming.

The Online Community provides diverse engagement options, and the Casework team offers emergency financial assistance and support navigating retroactive benefits. Together, we can ensure a comprehensive approach to meeting immediate needs and fostering a sense of safety and stability for all those grieving the death of a military or veteran loved one.

### CONNECT WITH TAPS 24/7

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TAPS.org ★ info@TAPS.org

## In Honor of All Who Served and Died

24/7 NATIONAL MILITARY SURVIVOR HELPLINE

SPECIALIZED GRIEF AND TRAUMA PROGRAMS FOR ALL SURVIVORS

ONLINE COMMUNITY

CUSTOMIZED CARE AND CASEWORK

