TAPS IN ACTION

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, or TAPS, directly supports all grieving the death of an active-duty or veteran service member, regardless of the manner of death, the duty status at the time of death, the survivor’s relationship to the deceased, or the survivor’s phase in their grief journey.

Our team of experts, TAPS staff, compassionate volunteers, and peer-support network stand ready, 24/7, to embrace bereaved families, friends, and battle buddies and connect them with immediate and life-long tangible resources and emotional care, including casework and education assistance, community-based connections, in-person events, a thriving online community, and the National Military Survivor Helpline which is answered by a knowledgeable, caring Survivor Care Team member anytime, day or night. No one grieves the death of a military loved one alone in the TAPS family.

TAPS FOUNDING AND FUTURE

TAPS was founded in the wake of a military tragedy following a 1992 C-12 crash in Alaska that took the lives of eight soldiers. Among the grieving family members was Bonnie Carroll, the widow of Army BG Tom Carroll. After realizing that no support network was in place for the families of the fallen, Bonnie spent two years researching best practices while navigating her own grief alongside fellow survivors.

In 1994, TAPS officially opened its doors to military survivors. Today, Bonnie and the TAPS team have supported over 100,000 military-connected survivors as they grieve, heal, and honor the life of their hero.

Each day, an average of 24 new survivors connect with TAPS in search of support and resources. TAPS will continue providing support to all facing their darkest time and an unexpected, uncertain future.

TAPS CORE VALUES

Honor And Remember
Survivors with healthy coping skills, resources, and opportunities to connect in the comfort of their homes, their communities, their regions, and nationally to grow with their grief.

Empower
with survivors to provide comprehensive comfort, care, and resources where they live, when they need it, and in a manner comfortable for them.

Connect
all those grieving a military death with a nationwide network of peer-based, emotional survivor support and critical casework assistance, 24/7.

Educate
using research-informed best practices in bereavement and trauma care for survivors, and advocate on behalf of survivors with policy and legislative priorities.

Create Community
with survivors to provide comprehensive comfort, care, and resources where they live, when they need it, and in a manner comfortable for them.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

17,867
24/7 Helpline Calls

$215 million+
Education Benefits

1,000+
Events Hosted

8,849
New Survivor Connections

2022 IMPACT REPORT

SINCE 1994:

100,000+
Survivors Reached

40,000+
Fallen Heroes Honored

TAPS is the national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care and comprehensive resources for all those grieving the death of a military or veteran loved one.