



# TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS



## 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.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

  
**17,867**  
24/7 Helpline Calls

  
**\$215 million+**  
Education Benefits

  
**1,000+**  
Events Hosted

  
**8,849**  
New Survivor Connections

For more information, view the TAPS 2022 Impact Report.

## 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.

**SINCE 1994:**

**100,000+**  
Survivors Reached

**40,000+**  
Fallen Heroes Honored

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

the lives of military loved ones and celebrate military survivors as the living legacies of their service and sacrifice.

### Empower

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.

### 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.

