Institute for Hope and Healing

GRIEVING A MILITARY SUICIDE LOSS: PREVENTION THROUGH THE EYES OF BEREAVED SURVIVORS

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Support

Talking about suicide prevention and postvention efforts and details might elicit or evoke difficult thoughts, feelings or emotional responses, even for providers and professionals.

If you need support, help is available.

If you, or someone you know may be considering suicide, please seek immediate help by:

- 1) Speaking to your doctor or provider
- 2) Calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988
- 3) Texting the Crisis Text Line with: HOME to 741741
- 4) Visiting the nearest emergency room or hospital
- 5) Calling 911 for immediate, emergency medical response

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TAPS Honors and Supports All...

- Manners of death
- Branches of military service
- Government contractors
- National Guard and Reserves not in a duty status
- Veterans, Retired Military, and Discharged Military
- Those who loved and lost their service member



TAPS Mission

TAPS is the leading national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care to *all those* grieving the death of a military loved one.



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Responding to the Demand

Suicide loss is one of the leading causes of referrals to TAPS

TAPS currently serves over 23,000 suicide loss survivors

Survivors of suicide loss require specialized programming

Provide the emotional space to explore, process, and share their story



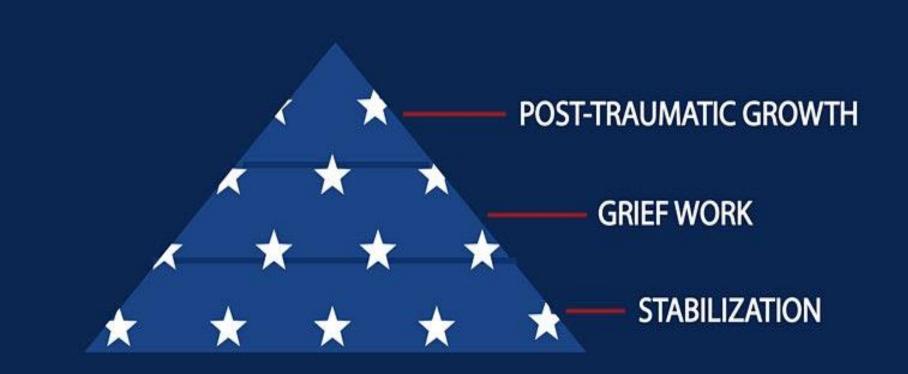
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TAPS Suicide Postvention Model[™]

America's most successful postvention approach to care





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TAPS Prevention Programs and Trainings

Individualized trainings on the Postvention Model Intensive Clinical Program Referrals (Home Base) Psychological Autopsy Investigation initiatives

ASIST Training (registered trainers on staff)

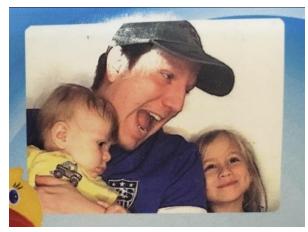
Policy, Legislation, Advocacy

TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing[®] Thought leadership &Task forces (VA,DoD/DSPO, Casualty & Mortuary Affairs, Action Alliance, SAMHSA, etc) SME Consultation & Advising w/military leadership; units and academies; VA clinics; Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and Military Service Organizations (MSOs)

Media Communications (e.g., Suicide Prevention Month campaign, 988 Launch, trainings on safe/strategic messaging, etc.)



Sharing the Story

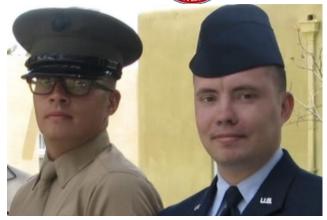


CPL Daniel Seitz, USMC



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LCPL Adam Jachimiec



SGT Geraldo Mora-Cruz,



National Military Suicide Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp

October 6-8, 2023 Danvers, MA





NMSSS is an event exclusively for those who have experienced the suicide death of a loved one who served in the US military - including all branches and regardless of duty statuses.

If you've lost a military loved one to suicide (including all branches and duty status) you've come to the right place; we understand that suicide grief is different, with a range of emotions and questions.

At the National Military Suicide Survivor Seminar, you'll have the opportunity to participate in activities, workshops and small-group sharing sessions, while connecting with leaders in the fields of suicide grief, trauma and healing.

Together we will work toward gaining an understanding of the complex grief journey, develop helpful coping skills and learn about rebuilding our lives.

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Suicide Loss Support

TAPS Suicide Postvention Programs:

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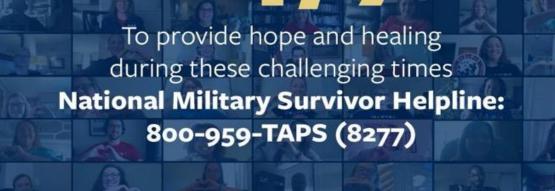
Launched in March 2018, the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® serves as a resource and training center, providing programs for both professionals working in the field of grief and loss and the public.





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