



MEDIA ADVISORY

Families of the Fallen Spend Memorial Day with TAPS in Our Nation’s Capital
29th Annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp

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WHAT

While many Americans prepare to welcome summer on Memorial Day weekend, survivors of military and veteran loss will make the trip to our nation’s capital to mark the solemn weekend together among peers and grief experts. Hosted by the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, TAPS, the nonprofit that has been trusted to care for the loved ones of America’s fallen heroes for nearly 30 years, attendees will honor their heroes and experience the hope and healing of the [TAPS National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp](#). TAPS invites members of the media to experience the seminar alongside surviving military families, military and government leaders, executives of TAPS partner organizations, celebrities, and international delegates.

At Good Grief Camp, volunteer active-duty, Guard, reserve, and veteran service members are paired with surviving military children grieving the loss of a uniformed parent, sibling, or extended family member. These TAPS Military Mentors not only embody the heart of the volunteer — someone serving beyond their military service — but they are their mentee’s lasting connection to their heritage as a military child. Seminar programming also provides age-appropriate activities for children, young adults, and adults, as well as connections to peers and professionals that empower survivors to grow with their grief and their community of fellow survivors.

WHEN

May 25-29 2023

Thursday, May 25: 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 26: 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Available for morning shows beginning at 5 a.m.

Saturday, May 27: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Available for morning shows beginning at 5 a.m.

Sunday, May 28: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Available for morning shows beginning at 5 a.m.

Monday, May 29: Hotel events, Arlington National Cemetery and the National Memorial Day Parade

WHERE

Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

Programming is also available online to meet the needs of all seeking grief support.

WHO

TAPS President and Founder, [Bonnie Carroll](#)

Chef Robert Irvine

Members of Senior Military Leadership

Global Experts in the Fields of Grief and Loss

International Delegates and Surviving Military Families

ABOUT TAPS

TAPS, a national nonprofit, was founded by military-loss survivor, Bonnie Carroll in 1994. The TAPS name is synonymous with 24/7 support for all grieving a military or veteran death. TAPS provides tangible and emotional resources each step of a survivor’s walk through grief with a combination of peer-based support, the 24/7 National Military Survivor Helpline, in-person events, community-based care, casework assistance, and grief and trauma resources. Since 1994, TAPS has assisted more than 100,000 surviving family members, casualty assistance officers, chaplains, and other bereavement supporters.

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