



"So when you...close your eyes in the evenings and wonder, as we all do at some point, if your loved one's life was worth it, or if he or she made a real difference, please remember that the answer no longer lies with them, it lies with you. What did you do today? What will you do tomorrow to honor their sacrifice, to promote their legacy, and do whatever you can every single day to heal this remarkable country that we call the United States of America."

~ U.S. Representative Dean Phillips (MN-3)
2023 Senator Ted Stevens Leadership Award

As we acknowledge Volunteer Appreciation Month in April, we are so grateful to each of you who give back to the survivor community in honor of your loved ones as Peer Mentors, Legacy Mentors and in other volunteer roles. Your selfless contributions are essential to our mission.

To learn more about honoring your loved one's legacy of service as a volunteer with TAPS, go to [Volunteer with TAPS](#) or email volunteer@taps.org.



TAPS Honors Gold Star Son, Representative Dean Phillips, at Annual Gala



Each year at the TAPS Honor Guard Gala, TAPS presents the Senator Ted Stevens Leadership Award to a survivor who has taken their experience and demonstrated outstanding leadership on behalf of other survivors.

This year's recipient, Representative Dean Phillips (MN-3), was honored for his legislative efforts on behalf of survivors on Capitol Hill. Phillips, who lost his father, U.S. Army Captain Artie Pfefer, in Vietnam when he was only 6 months old.

"His empathy and commitment to the military survivor community ensure the families of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten." - Bonnie Carroll, TAPS President and Founder

We invite you to watch his incredibly moving speech and hear his story.



TAPS Education Support Services



"Thanks to TAPS and TAPS Education Services, I was able to go back to school using the Fry Scholarship opportunities. They walked me through the Fry Scholarship and helped me navigate it with my school. My education is now paid for, along with a monthly stipend that helps out so much. I could not be pursuing this degree without TAPS!" - TAPS Education Support Recipient

TAPS Education Support Services is here to support students of ALL ages, pursuing ALL levels of education, regardless of their connection to their fallen hero.

We are always here to:

- Serve as a guide to federal and state education benefits, private scholarships, K-12 financial assistance, and tutoring resources.
- Help troubleshoot challenges in accessing VA Education benefits and navigating the FAFSA grants available through the Department of Education.
- Assist in communicating with colleges and institutions, regarding misunderstandings about available resources.
- Offer college preparatory programming such as "Pathways to Success."
- And much more!

TAPS Education Support Services

Calling all High School Seniors and College Freshmen



Did you know you are eligible to apply for a TAPS Education Care Package? It's easy, it's quick, and it's free!

Every care package includes a variety of items for survivors, including a TAPS Education Resource Report and fun and useful items to help you get started at college while honoring your loved one.

Special Note: Those attending Good Grief Camp Graduation at our 2023 National Military Survivor Seminar will receive their Education Care Package at the event.

Apply for an Education Care Package



UPCOMING *in-person* CONNECTIONS

We hope to see you at one of our in-person events this year!



Registration for ALL TAPS Seminars and Good Grief Camps is now open.

Learn More and Register to Attend

Mountain Regional Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp

Denver, Colorado
March 31 - April 2, 2023
Registration is open

Tennessee Family Camp

Bolivar, Tennessee
April 14 - 17, 2023
Registration is now open

29th Annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp

Arlington, Virginia
May 25 - 29, 2023
Registration is now open

Additional events will be added to the TAPS Events Calendar throughout 2023.

2023 Young Adults Experiences

Applications for ALL Young Adults Experiences are now open.



TAPS YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS 2023
For more information, visit taps.org/youngadults

<p>WINTER EXPERIENCE Salt Lake City, UT March 9-12, 2023</p>	<p>PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPERIENCE Portland, OR July 27-30, 2023</p>
<p>NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS EXPERIENCE Boston, MA April 13-18, 2023</p>	<p>PARALYMPIC EXPERIENCE Lake Placid, NY August 16-20, 2023</p>
<p>DISNEY EXPERIENCE Orlando, FL May 4-7, 2023</p>	<p>MIDWEST EXPERIENCE Chicago, IL September 21-24, 2023</p>
<p>MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE Pigeon Forge, TN June 16-18, 2023</p>	<p>SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE Austin, TX November 9-12, 2023</p>



TAPS Young Adults Experiences and Programming



UPCOMING *Online* CONNECTIONS

Through our **TAPS Online Community**, your TAPS Family is here to meet you wherever you are in your grief — and wherever you are in the country or the world.



Online Groups

Connect with survivors of shared experience

New! Online Group for Overdose Loss Survivors

Meets Monthly Beginning
Tuesday, March 20

Registration is open

Online Workshops

Learn together & have a shared experience

Women's Empowerment Online Programming

We offer surviving women many ways to come together and connect online in a safe, supportive, understanding, enriching, and healing environment.

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INSTITUTE FOR HOPE AND HEALING

At the Institute, practical information on coping with loss is accessible to all who seek current strategies, the most effective tools, and best practices for supporting those who are grieving and those who serve the grieving.

Upcoming Webinars

Engaging Empathy In the Workplace: A Guide for Grievers

Tuesday - April 18, 2023
12:00 PM Eastern

Webinar Archives

Missed a webinar?

Visit our **free on-demand library** 24/7 to access recorded TAPS Institute webinars on a variety of topics

T★A★P★S™ *is here for you*



TAPS will always be here for you 24/7.
There are so many ways to connect with your peers and professional support - to connect with someone who cares.

TAPS National Military Survivor Helpline
800.959.TAPS (8277)

[Get Help with Benefits](#) | [Connect to Peer Support](#)
[Find a Grief Counselor](#) | [Join our Online Community](#)

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