



TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

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PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING

Regional Military Survivor Seminar & Good Grief Camp

*You are warmly invited to join TAPS for a special event for those
who have lost a loved one who served in the military.*

2018 Schedule

February 23-25, 2018	Fort Hood, TX
April 13-15 or April 20-22, 2018	Alabama (TBD)
June 29-July 1, 2018	City of Industry, CA
August 3-5 or Aug 10-12, 2018	Dayton, OH
September 7-9, 2018	Denver, CO
November 2-4, 2018	New Brunswick, NJ

When a member of America's armed forces dies, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is on the front lines providing compassionate care to the families left behind. Founded in 1994, TAPS has assisted over 70,000 surviving family members, casualty officers and caregivers. TAPS receives no government funding. We rely on the generous support of those Americans who truly understand service and sacrifice. We are proud that TAPS has received a Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator for five consecutive years. As a testament to the credibility and important work we do, TAPS Founder and President Bonnie Carroll was recently awarded the *Presidential Medal of Freedom* by President Obama



on November 24, 2015. In addition, Bonnie was awarded the *Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Service Award* from the U.S. Department of Defense. She accepted both awards on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of surviving families and friends who will forever grieve their fallen hero.

The mission of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is to facilitate peer-based emotional support and assistance for all those whose loved ones died while serving in, or in support of, the Armed Forces. TAPS offers support to all survivors without regard to relationship to the deceased, branch of service, or circumstances and geography of death.

For over twenty years, TAPS has hosted **Survivor Seminars and Good Grief Camps** at locations where all those grieving the death of a loved one may come together to learn coping strategies, gain a network of support, find resources, and share the journey of grief with those who truly understand.



TAPS Survivor Seminars and Good Grief Camps offer comfort and care for the families of our nation's fallen heroes. The program for adult survivors has been developed based on benchmarked best practices, extensive research and years of experience. At TAPS, we know grief isn't linear and doesn't "progress," but it does change. TAPS meets survivors where they are in their grief journey, designing tracks whereby survivors can participate in discussions and activities closely associated with their unique needs. They are able to interact with survivors at the same place in the grief process and of similar circumstances of loss, fostering a more personalized experience and greater impact.

Workshop facilitators will lead discussions about identities we've created or are striving to create in the wake of loss. Through this track, survivors will discuss how we continue to honor our loved one and the parts of our loved one that are the living legacy in us.

The **Good Grief Camp** program, held concurrently to the adult program, offers support for children ages 4-19 who have been directly affected by the loss of a loved one in the military. Children and teens gain a network of support and an understanding of their family's legacy of service and sacrifice. Childcare is offered to those ages 0-3 years old. An integral part of our Camps are the companioning presence of Military Mentors. Each child is paired with a Mentor to be with them for the entire weekend. Typically, Mentors are former or current military and they stay in touch with the child for many years after their initial meeting. TAPS covers the costs to research, train and house all the mentors needed for our Good Grief Camps.

Survivors and Mentors participate free of charge. TAPS covers lodging, meals, ground transportation, special events, counseling and mentor support. The program is fully staffed by trained personnel provided by TAPS.

For more information, please
contact Sponsors@TAPS.org or
(202) 588-8277 (TAPS).

The Calendar of Events can be
found at TAPS.org/Events.

Sponsors would have access to the programming, signage and participation appropriate to the level of support provided to TAPS. We will work closely to ensure your gift is recognized. For more information, please contact us at sponsor@taps.org.

Caring for the Families of America's Fallen Heroes Since 1994.

Sponsorship funding enables our families to come together for a healing experience that will profoundly change their lives and enable them to chart a healthy path forward surrounded by a network of support.

"I thought it was going to be a one time, weekend thing! That weekend, come to find out, completely changed my life forever!! Since that first weekend I have become involved in the lives of hundreds of spouses and children across the country. I look forward to any and all events that TAPS is a part of. Being a mentor is the most gratifying, and peaceful part of my life. I count the days until I can see all of my friends in the TAPS family again. In the end that is what we all are to each other, just an extended version of our own families."

SSG Shawn Callan, US Army, began mentoring in 2005



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Military Mentors

Military Mentors are Active Duty, Guard and Reserve servicemember or veterans that are young at heart to be a companion to a child our Good Grief Camps. Training will be provided and candidates will undergo a background check before camp begins. All you need to bring is a call to serve and a strong stamina to keep up with the excitement and activity of a youth camp. Full details can be found at taps.org/militarymentor.

Volunteers

- Provide Transportation and Crew to Move Supplies from Storage to Hotel
- Move In and Pack Out
- Registration
- Family Banquet Hosts
- Help Desk and Runners
- Hotel Décor Crew
- Photographers



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Exclusive Valor Sponsorship	\$100,000
Patriot Sponsorship – Mentor Sponsor	\$ 50,000
Eagle Sponsorship – Family Dinner Host	\$ 25,000
Liberty Sponsorship – Breakfast or Lunch Host	\$ 10,000
Freedom Sponsorship – Breakout Host	\$ 5,000

Sponsors can earmark their gift for specific items, if desired. Sponsors would have access to the programming, signage and participation appropriate to the level of support provided to TAPS. We will work closely to ensure your gift is recognized.

There are also volunteer opportunities available at the Eagle Sponsor level and above.

"Having the chance to be with a teen survivor, who shares what it has been like for them since they lost their loved one, has been one of the most rewarding and humbling experiences of my life. It is an honor to spend time with the young survivors, some of the bravest individuals I've ever met."

Chad Weikel, US Army, a surviving sibling who began mentoring in 2006

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