



# 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 including military dependents and government contractors, 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 member, veteran, or member of the military community alone with the TAPS Family.

## 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



20,656

24/7 Helpline Calls



\$561 million+

Education Benefits



1,300+

Events Hosted



9,611

New Survivor Connections

For more information, view the TAPS 2023 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 and veteran survivors. Today, Bonnie and the TAPS team have supported over 100,000 military and veteran survivors as they grieve, heal, and honor the life of their loved one.

100,000+

Survivors

40,000+

Fallen Heroes Honored

Each day, an average of 26 new survivors connect with TAPS in search of support, resources, and community. TAPS will continue to support all survivors of military and veteran loss, across all duty statuses, manners of death, and all relationships to the deceased.

## 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.



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TAPS is the national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care and comprehensive resources for all those grieving the death of a military or veteran loved one.