

"Tenderly, may time heal your sorrow. Gently, may your friends ease your pain. Softly, may peace replace heartaches. And may the warmest memories remain."

— Unknown

TAPS

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

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LEARN



Students of Love, Students of Grief

As she outlines in her article in the spring issue of TAPS Magazine, Director of TAPS Program Innovation Emily Muñoz challenges us all not to ignore the pain of grief, but to explore it and listen to what it has to say in order to begin to heal. Read more to understand the roles of learning and self-discovery in your healing.

[Read the Article](#)

HONOR



The Legacy Lives On

Last month, TAPS Deputy Director of Government and Legislative Affairs Ashlynn Haycock-Lohmann was presented with the TAPS Senator Ted Stevens Leadership Award for her contributions to the survivor community. Read along to see Ashlynn's journey from surviving child to survivor advocate on Capitol Hill.

[Follow the Journey](#)

HEAL



New Opportunities to Connect

In addition to our 2024 seminar schedule and our robust catalog of online groups, localized Care Groups, and TAPS Together, we recently added several new events to our lineup. Click on the event that interests you to learn more and register or click the button below to view all of our events.

California All Populations Weekend Retreat

June 22-23, Three Rivers, California

College Experience for Teens and Parents

June 23-29, Arlington, Virginia

Young Adults Retreat

July 10-14, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Colorado All Populations Weekend Retreat

July 19-21, Estes Park, Colorado

Men's Retreat

July 24-28, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Siblings Retreat

Oct. 16-20, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

[**View Events and Register**](#)

PLAN



Register for a Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp

Join your TAPS family for a healing weekend at one of our seminars and Good Grief Camps. In addition to these core events, TAPS hosts unique experiences around the country throughout the year. Check taps.org/events regularly for new opportunities to connect with your TAPS family, and check out the **TAPS Care Groups** and **TAPS Togethers** happening near you for support close to home.

Western Regional Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp
July 26-28, Scottsdale, Arizona

Northeast Regional Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp
August 23-25, Buffalo, New York

Due to the overwhelming interest, the following seminars and Good Grief Camps are now full or near capacity. You may be placed on a waitlist. We thank you for your understanding.

30th Annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp
May 23-27, Arlington, Virginia

Southern Regional Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp
October 4-6, San Antonio, Texas

Southeast Regional Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp
November 15-17, Destin, Florida

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Online Groups

By Relationship, Peer Group, &
Type of Loss

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Community Events

TAPS Together, Care Groups, & Events
Happening Nationwide, Year-Round

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Team TAPS Events

Honoring Loved Ones at Events
Nationwide

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Young Adults Events

In-Person & Online Events
Survivors Ages 18-30

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Youth Programs

In-Person & Online Events
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TAPS Institute

Workshops, Seminars, & Discussions for
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REFLECT



TAPS Testifies Before Joint VA Hearing

Last month, Surviving Spouse Rebecca Harrison Mullaney testified before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs on behalf of TAPS. She bravely shared her story in support TAPS' top legislative priorities. Visit taps.org/advocacy to view all the ways TAPS is advocating for you on Capitol Hill.



Connecting Through TAPS Together

TAPS Together are bringing survivors together all over the country, all year long. Visit taps.org/tapstogether to see if there are TAPS Together coming up in your area, or to host an event.

SUPPORT



Honor Your Hero with a Memorial Tile

Proudly displayed on the walls of TAPS headquarters, the TAPS Honor Wall commemorates the lives and sacrifice of America's heroes. By purchasing a tile in your loved one's memory, you are supporting TAPS programming for fellow survivors, and you're ensuring that your loved one's name and story are shared with all those who see it for years to come.

[Browse Tile Options](#)

Compassionate TAPS support is available 24/7 via our National Military Survivor Helpline: **800-959-TAPS** (8277).



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