

*Caring for the families
of those who have made
the ultimate sacrifice in
service to America.*



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T★A★P★S Provides:

- ★ 24-hour information line –
1-800-959-TAPS (8277)
- ★ Annual National Military Survivor
Seminar and Youth Gathering
- ★ Peer support network for survivors
- ★ Caseworkers to assist in problem solving
- ★ Weekly Internet Survivor Chat at:
www.TAPS.org
- ★ Casualty Officer and Commander assistance
- ★ Grief counseling referral
- ★ Quarterly Military Survivor Magazine



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The military honor guards perform dignified funerals with 21-gun salutes, missing man formations, precise folding of flags and the mournful sound of Taps echoing across rows of white headstones.

But who is there to help pick up the pieces of the shattered lives of the surviving family and friends after the funeral? Where do they find support?

Each year, hundreds of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen make that ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Armed Forces. They leave behind devastated spouses, children, parents, friends and co-workers. The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (**T★A★P★S**) is there to provide comfort, peer support, information and resources to help them heal.

The average military casualty case file is closed within weeks of the death. The average survivor remains in a state of shock and denial for months after the death. **T★A★P★S** has experienced peer mentors and caseworkers who work closely with military and veterans agencies to assist in problem solving for family members long after the official casualty file is closed.

Bonnie Carroll founded **T★A★P★S** in the wake of a military tragedy when she lost her best friend and husband, Brigadier General Tom Carroll, in an Army National Guard aircraft crash in 1992. Bonnie found strength through the peer support she received from the families who lost loved ones in the same tragic event.

**For more information, visit us at:
www.TAPS.org**

T★A★P★S is survivors helping survivors heal.

T★A★P★S provides the following:

SUPPORTS the military family through a national network of those who have lost a loved one in the armed forces and are now standing by to lovingly reach out to and support others when a death occurs.

REFERS military survivors, as part of a national network of grief support groups and services, to the very best resources available across America.

EDUCATES survivors about the grief process and the traumatic effects following the sudden death of a loved one.

T★A★P★S provides educational reading materials to help survivors realize that they are experiencing "normal reactions to abnormal situations."

SPONSORS the annual **National Military Survivor Seminar and Youth Gathering** in Washington, DC over the Memorial Day Weekend, designed to help rebuild shattered lives and give survivors the chance to help each other heal.

PUBLISHES a quarterly journal focusing on vital issues facing military survivors, sent free of charge to survivors, commanders, chaplains, casualty staff and care givers – please call today to request your subscription!



OPERATES a national toll-free help and information line 24-hours a day with help available through **T★A★P★S'** Board of Advisors, leading experts in grief and trauma.

CARES about and supports all "survivors" including spouses, significant others, parents, children, siblings, co-workers and friends. Call us for more information at 1-800-959-**TAPS** (8277) or visit our Web site at www.TAPS.org. We're here for you!



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T★A★P★S is America's national peer support organization made up of, and providing a wide range of free services to, all those affected by the death of a loved one in the armed forces. Let us know which programs and services you would like to receive more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Subscription (free) to T★A★P★S Survivor Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Casework Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking to other survivors | <input type="checkbox"/> Casualty Officer Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coping with traumatic loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplains' Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Military Survivor Seminar/Good Grief Camp for Young Survivors | <input type="checkbox"/> Commanders' Briefing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grief Counseling Referral | <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Mentor Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly WebCHAT | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Making a Donation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> TEAM TAPS , Marine Corps Marathon |

Resources also available at www.TAPS.org

It is **T★A★P★S'** strict policy **NOT** to sell, reveal or otherwise disseminate personal information provided to us. So please be confident when telling us more about yourself:

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I have lost a loved one serving in the armed forces.
Relationship to deceased: ☐ Spouse ☐ With _____ child/children
☐ Sibling ☐ Parent ☐ Relative ☐ Friend ☐ Co-worker
☐ Other _____
- ☐ I have not directly lost a loved one serving in the armed forces, but I am a: ☐ Chaplain ☐ Casualty Affairs Officer ☐ Commander
☐ Caregiver ☐ Family Support ☐ Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

☐ I would like a phone call. The best time to call is _____.

Email _____

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