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### ***THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN TAPS ACROSS AMERICA 2021***

For almost 160 years the call of Taps has sounded the final farewell to those who served in uniform. It has become America's National Song of Remembrance.

**TAPS FOR VETERANS** is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing awareness of the need for live buglers and help provide buglers for military funerals and memorial services. With over 1,000 veterans passing away each day and not enough military buglers to attend every funeral, most veterans receive an audio recording of Taps. TAPS FOR VETERANS believes that a veteran's final honors are worthy of a live rendition of our National Song of Remembrance.

Our mission at TAPS FOR VETERANS is to provide an opportunity for buglers or trumpet players to sound Taps for military veteran's funerals and ceremonies. With the military unable to provide live buglers for every military funeral and ceremony, TAPS FOR VETERANS is assisting to help provide that much needed service. We match buglers with families of veterans who wish to honor them with the sounding of Taps. We are standing by, ready to serve.

TAPS FOR VETERANS has coordinated many national events such as "Taps Across America" 2020 and 2021, "Birth of an American Tradition" in 2012, "A Bugle Call Remembered" in 2013, "Sounds Of Remembrance" in 2018, "The National Salute" on Veterans Day 2020, and "100 Nights Of Taps Gettysburg" in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Founded by former military musicians TAPS FOR VETERANS has been growing to include a network of performers who are standing by to answer the call. A request can be made to the TAPS FOR VETERANS and immediately received by buglers via text and email. We are looking for qualified buglers to sound the call. If you can play the call competently in front of a group of people and available during the day we would like to have you sign up at [www.TapsForVeterans.org](http://www.TapsForVeterans.org). We receive requests every day and would like to have buglers in all parts of our nation. Please join us.

**TAPS ACROSS AMERICA**, which operates under TAPS FOR VETERANS, was started in 2020 when Memorial Day services were canceled due to the pandemic. The idea was to have buglers and trumpeters sound the call during the National Moment of Remembrance at a socially distanced location. We asked everyone to play from their driveways, front porches, balconies and on streets of their neighborhood at 3 pm during the National Moment of Remembrance. It was

fitting as it was a time Americans would pause to remember, reflect and honor for one minute. About 2 weeks before Memorial Day 2020, we received a call from Steve Hartman of CBS's "On The Road" who had virtually the same idea. With the registration, website and social media we had set up combined with Steve's wonderful story telling, we were able to reach thousands who participated in the sounding of Taps at 3 pm. It was a great success and we were able to again repeat this event this past Memorial Day. Next year TAPS ACROSS AMERICA will happen on Monday May 30, 2022 at 3 pm.

We are thankful for CBS News for partnering with TAPS ACROSS AMERICA.

We are also grateful to Fleet Farm, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Houston Taps, Nj Taps, Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble, Live Taps Matters, and Patriot Brass for supporting us. We are looking for more supporters for 2022.

TAPS FOR VETERANS is involved with 100 Nights of Taps, a nightly 7 pm sounding of Taps in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. We are partnered with The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and the Gettysburg National Military Park. The program runs until September 11 when we will commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11. TAPS FOR VETERANS is also providing buglers for a daily 5 pm sounding of Taps (in WWI uniforms) at the National World War I Memorial in Washington DC. This program runs until November 14. We are partnered with the Doughboy Foundation and the WWI Centennial Commission.

TAPS FOR VETERANS is sponsoring **TAPS IN HONORED GLORY**, a special event at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday November 7, 2021 to commemorate the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The event will focus on the buglers who have sounded the call there over the past 100 years, especially the three who sounded the call for the interments of the WWI Unknown in 1921, the WWII/Korean War in 1958 and Vietnam War in 1984. This event will be by registration and includes a ceremony at the Tanner Amphitheater, wreath ceremonies at the graves of the three buglers, a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a reception at the Women's Military Memorial. We are working with the US Army Band and The Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. More information will be posted in the summer and registration will open September 1, 2021.

There will be a nationwide sounding of Taps on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am (local) to honor the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

All this requires funding. We appreciate all those who have contributed so far but we need your help! Every little bit helps. TFV will have a special commemorative challenge coin that will go on sale on the Taps For Veterans website this summer. The coin is being designed now.

Once again THANK-YOU to all who participated in TAPS ACROSS AMERICA

Please consider a donation at [www.TapsForVeterans.org](http://www.TapsForVeterans.org)

Thanks so much!

**Jari Villanueva, TAPS FOR VETERANS**