

#### Suicide Awareness and Prevention-A Conversation with Bereaved Survivors

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## Support

Talking about suicide prevention and postvention efforts and details might elicit or evoke difficult thoughts, feelings or emotional responses, even for providers and professionals.

If you need support, help is available.

If you, or someone you know may be considering suicide, please seek immediate help by:

- 1) Speaking to your doctor or provider
- 2) Calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988
- 3) Texting the Crisis Text Line with: HOME to 741741
- 4) Visiting the nearest emergency room or hospital
- 5) Calling 911 for immediate, emergency medical response

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- · Manners of death
- · Branches of military service
- · Government contractors
- National Guard and Reserves not in a duty status
- Veterans, Retired Military, and Discharged Military
- Those who loved and lost their service member



#### **TAPS Mission**

TAPS is the leading national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care to *all those* grieving the death of a military loved one.

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# **Responding to the Demand**

Suicide loss is one of the leading causes of referrals to TAPS

TAPS currently serves over 20,000 suicide loss survivors

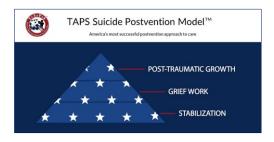
Survivors of suicide loss require specialized programming

Provide the emotional space to explore, process, and share their story



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### TAPS Suicide Postvention Model™



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### **Pre/Postvention Programs and Services**

Survivor Care Team outreach by peer survivors

Youth programs for families with children

Casework assistance

Counseling and trauma treatment referrals

Suicide peer support (care groups, chats, gatherings)

Blogs, articles, and webinars on suicide loss topics

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# **Sharing the Story**











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#### **National Military Suicide Survivor Seminar** and Good Grief Camp

October 7-9, 2022 Dallas, Texas



NMSSS is an event exclusively for those who have experienced the suicide death of a loved one who served in the US military - including all branches and regardless of duty statuses.

If you've lost a military loved one to suicide (including all branches and duty status) you've come to the right place; we understand that suicide grief is different, with a range of emotions and questions.



At the National Military Suicide Survivor Seminar, you'll have the opportunity to participate in activities, workshops and small-group sharing sessions, while connecting with leaders in the fields of suicide grief, trauma and healing.

Together we will work toward gaining an understanding of the complex grief journey, develop helpful coping skills and learn about rebuilding our lives

Learn More at https://www.taps.org/nmsss

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# **Upcoming TAPS Institute Programs**



**Choosing Wellness** Live Webinar, Noon-1:00 pm ET

Eileen O'Grady, PhD, RN, NP, PCC, Founder of The School of Wellness



Understanding the Healing Powers of Recreation, Leisure, and Play

Live Webinar, Noon-1:00 p.m. ET Rachel Hunsell, Program Manager, TAPS Outdoor Engagement

Visit taps.org/institute to learn more and RSVP!

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# About the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing®

Launched in March 2018 through an alliance with HFA, the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® serves as a resource and training center, providing programs for both professionals working in the field of grief and loss and the public.

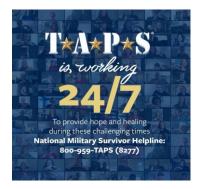




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