



## TAPS ACROSS AMERICA 2021

The National Moment of Remembrance

On Memorial Day, Americans remember those who have died in military service to the United States. The National Moment of Remembrance is an annual event that asks all citizens, wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. local time, to pause for a duration of one minute in silent tribute to the men and women who have honorably served in uniform and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Taps Across America will again honor those military members. At 3 pm (local) on Memorial Day thousands of participants will be spread out across our nation to sound the 24 notes of our most solemn bugle call-Taps.

Buglers and trumpeters will sound the call from their front porch, on their apartment balcony, driveway, on the sidewalk, and at cemeteries and memorials to make sure this musical tribute is given to those who, as President Abraham Lincoln put it, gave the last full measure of devotion.

The idea is to find a location to perform and sound the call after observing one minute of silence. We encourage you to have it videoed or photographed so we can share it on our social platforms. Last year over ten thousand participated to honor, reflect, and remember.

[TAPS ACROSS AMERICA](#) is sponsored by [Taps For Veterans](#), an organization dedicated to finding live buglers for funerals and memorial services. It was founded in 2012 by Jari Villanueva, United States Air Force Band (retired) who served as a bugler at Arlington Nation Cemetery for 23 years. You can read Jari's bio at [TapsBugler](#)

**Taps For Veterans** is again partnering with Steve Hartman of CBS's On the Road to spread the word of this annual event. CBS will run a special program on the CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell and CBS Sunday Morning the weekend of Memorial Day and encourage their millions of viewers to participate. Taps For Veterans would also like to give special thanks to [Fleet Farm Stores](#) and [Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia](#) for their support.

**TAPS ACROSS AMERICA** started last year originally as a way to commemorate Memorial Day during the COVID pandemic with performers sounding Taps in their neighborhood during the [National Moment of Remembrance](#). It gained momentum when Steve Hartman of CBS's On the Road contacted us to promote it. There is more information about how to participate [here](#).

**Please join us in the National Moment of Remembrance 2021. You can register at [TapsAcrossAmerica.org](https://TapsAcrossAmerica.org), the official website.**

## **FAQ**

### **Who can participate?**

Anyone who can sound Taps on a bugle, trumpet, or similar instrument. We welcome players from all organizations and performing groups.

### **When should I sound Taps?**

Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day) at 3 pm local **That means 3 pm in your time zone.**

### **Should I record myself sounding Taps?**

Yes — we plan to upload videos to our YouTube Channel “[Taps For Veterans Events Taps Across America.](#)”

CBS plans to show some of your videos on "CBS Evening News" on Tuesday.

### **How do I sound Taps?**

Find the sheet music [at this link](#).

Please note the rhythm of Taps. Let's strive to play it correctly. [Follow the guidelines here](#).

### **Where should I play?**

Your front yard, porch, balcony, driveway, etc. Feel free to alert your neighbors so they can come listen. You can also sound Taps at a military memorial or in a cemetery. Try to position yourself near a flag or by a memorial.

### **What should I use to record a video of myself?**

Any phone with a video camera works — you don't need any fancy equipment. Just place your phone somewhere stable, or have someone with steady hands hold it in one place. Hold the phone horizontally, not vertically, so your video is wider than it is tall. Record the whole performance. If neighbors or friends come to listen, get a shot of them too!

Photos are welcome too!

### **What should I do if I hear Taps?**

If you hear Taps being sounded, you should respond as you do for the national anthem: Stand, face the music and place your hand over your heart. Military veterans may render a hand salute.

### **How do I share my video across social media?**

Tag us in your video on social media with the hashtags #CBSTaps #TapsAcrossAmerica #TapsForVeterans #TapsBugler #Taps #NationalMomentofRemembrance

We will post information how to upload videos to CBS and Taps Across America

## **Links and Social media platforms**

[www.cbsnews.com/taps](http://www.cbsnews.com/taps) (Link to CBS News)

[www.TapsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.TapsAcrossAmerica.org) (register to sound Taps on Memorial day)

[www.TapsForVeterans.org](http://www.TapsForVeterans.org)

[www.FaceBook.com/TapsAcrossAmerica](http://www.FaceBook.com/TapsAcrossAmerica) (page)

[www.facebook.com/groups/TapsAcrossAmerica](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TapsAcrossAmerica) (group)

[www.FaceBook/TapsForVeterans](http://www.FaceBook/TapsForVeterans) (page)

[www.facebook.com/groups/TapsForVeteransEvents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TapsForVeteransEvents) (group)

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