



TAPS ACROSS AMERICA

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.

The TAPS ACROSS AMERICA annual event will again honor those military members. At 3 p.m. (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 can 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.

Registration is open at www.TapsAcrossAmerica.org

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 media platforms. Thousands of musicians have participated to honor, reflect, and remember.

The TAPS ACROSS AMERICA tribute 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 (retired) who served as a bugler at Arlington Nation Cemetery for 23 years. You can read Jari's bio at www.tapsbugler.com/jari-villanueva-biography-bio/

The TAPS ACROSS AMERICA tribute began in 2015 and took off nationally in 2020 when CBS news "On the Road" correspondent Steve Hartman teamed up with retired Air Force bugler Jari Villanueva, founder of TAPS ACROSS AMERICA and TAPS FOR VETERANS to promote the tribute. The two men invited buglers and musicians to sound Taps from their front porches all at the same time. The massive, simultaneous event replaced picnics, parades, and other celebrations cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

The response was overwhelming: More than 10,000 musicians joined in a nationwide salute to remember fallen service members. The TAPS ACROSS AMERICA tribute continues to bring the country together, offering everyone an opportunity to Honor, Remember and Reflect in the true spirit of Memorial Day.

The next annual TAPS ACROSS AMERICA will happen on Memorial Day, once again bringing together thousands of musicians to sound Taps at 3 p.m. (local).

TAPS FOR VETERANS is again partnering with organizations to present TAPS ACROSS AMERICA. Our partners are listed on the TAPS ACROSS AMERICA website. We wish to thank Fleet Farm stores in the Midwest where a bugler will sound Taps at each of their 47 stores.

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 30 (Memorial Day) at 3 p.m. local That means 3 p.m. in your time zone.

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.

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. www.tapsbugler.com/taps-performance-guidelines/

SHOULD I RECORD MYSELF SOUNDING TAPS?

Yes — we plan to upload videos to our YouTube Channel "Taps For Veterans Events Taps Across America."

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 videos on social media with the hashtags

#TapsAcrossAmerica

#TapsForVeterans #TapsBugler #Taps #NationalMomentofRemembrance

We will post information how to upload videos to Taps Across America Links and Social media platforms

www.TapsAcrossAmerica.org (register to sound Taps on Memorial day)

www.TapsForVeterans.org www.FaceBook.com/TapsAcrossAmerica (page)

www.facebook.com/groups/TapsAcrossAmerica (group)

www.FaceBook.com/TapsForVeterans (page)

www.facebook.com/groups/TapsForVeteransEvents (group)

www.twitter.com/TapsAmerica <https://www.instagram.com/tapsacrossamerica/>

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