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Taps Across America Calls on Musicians to Honor Fallen Heroes this Memorial Day

Musicians of All Ages and Abilities Invited to Sound Taps in Nationwide Tribute

[Harwich, MA] — Every Memorial Day at 3:00 PM local time, Americans from coast to coast pause to remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. **Taps Across America** invites musicians of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels to join in a moving national tribute by sounding **Taps**, the solemn 24-note melody that has honored fallen service members for more than 150 years.

Whether you play a trumpet, bugle, trombone, flute, saxophone—or even wish to sing—your participation ensures that **no hero is forgotten**. This simple yet powerful act of remembrance unites communities, spanning front porches, town squares, cemeteries, and national landmarks.

“Taps Across America is a way for people to actively participate in honoring the sacrifices of our fallen service members,” said **Mark Paradis**, Marine veteran and Co-Founder of **Taps for Veterans**. “This nationwide tribute provides a moment for reflection, gratitude, and unity.”

A Growing National Tradition

First organized in 2020 as a way to honor Memorial Day amid pandemic restrictions, **Taps Across America** has since grown into an annual tradition. In its inaugural year, more than **10,000 musicians** participated, playing from their porches, driveways, and local memorials. The movement continues to expand, inspiring thousands more to take part each year.

The tribute aligns with the **National Moment of Remembrance**, established by Congress in 2000, which encourages all Americans to pause for one minute at 3:00 PM local time to reflect on the sacrifices of fallen military members. **Taps Across America extends this moment with a nationwide sounding of Taps, creating a unified, heartfelt expression of gratitude.**

How to Participate

Taps Across America welcomes **musicians of all skill levels**—from professionals to beginners—to take part in this meaningful event. Here’s how you can join:

1. **Register online** at tapsacrossamerica.org to register and receive event updates.
2. **Sound Taps at 3:00 PM local time** on Memorial Day from your home, yard, a cemetery, or any meaningful location.
3. **Spread the word** by inviting friends, family, and fellow musicians to participate. Share your tribute on social media using **#TapsAcrossAmerica**.

“This is an opportunity for musicians, veterans, families, and communities to unite in remembrance,” said Mark Paradis, Executive Director of the nonprofit Taps for Veterans. “Even if you don’t play an instrument, you can still participate by observing the moment in silence.”

A Call to Honor, A Call to Remember

Memorial Day is more than the unofficial start of summer—it is a solemn day of **honor and remembrance**. Originally known as **Decoration Day**, the tradition dates back to the Civil War when families decorated the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. **Taps Across America continues this legacy**, ensuring that the sacrifices of our military heroes echo across generations.

Join Americans from coast to coast this Memorial Day at 3:00 PM local time to honor our nation’s fallen through the power of music.

For more information, to register, or to find resources, visit tapsacrossamerica.org.

About Taps Across America

Taps Across America is a nationwide tribute dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of fallen military heroes. Sponsored by the nonprofit **Taps for Veterans**, this grassroots movement invites musicians of all ages and abilities to sound **Taps** in unison on **Memorial Day at 3:00 PM local time**. The event continues to grow each year, ensuring that no sacrifice is forgotten.