



TAPS ACROSS AMERICA 2026 FAQ

WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER?

<https://www.tapsacrossamerica.org/>

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Taps Across America is an inclusive event open to all musicians, instruments, and ability levels. Whether you're a professional, a student musician, or someone dusting off an old instrument stored in the basement, your participation is welcomed and encouraged. If you don't play an instrument, you can still take part by observing a moment of silence or listening to Taps being sounded in your community.

WHEN SHOULD I SOUND TAPS?

Monday, May 25, 2026 (Memorial Day) at 3 P.M local time (3 P.M. in your time zone)

WHAT IS THIS YEAR'S THEME?

This year, our theme—**250 Years, 24 Notes, One Nation**—invites us to connect the past to the future. We honor where we've come from by remembering those who gave so much for our country.

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?

Be sure to check out the resource section of our website for history, information on the correct way to sound the bugle call Taps and performance guidelines.

<https://www.tapsacrossamerica.org/#resources>

Please note the recommended rhythm of Taps. We ask everyone to strive for accuracy and consistency.



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.

SHOULD I RECORD MYSELF SOUNDING TAPS?

Be sure to make a video of your performance or take pictures to share! After your performance, post your video on any of the major social media sites. Make sure your post is **PUBLIC** with the hashtag **#TapsAcrossAmerica**. We will be searching the hashtag **#TapsAcrossAmerica** for special performances to share on both our website and social media channels.

Participants are encouraged to post videos and pictures on our Facebook Group.

- [**TAPS FOR VETERANS COMMUNITY \(Facebook group\)**](#)

Be sure to check our social media channels for updates:

- [**TAPS FOR VETERANS \(Facebook Page\)**](#)

All participants that send in an SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope) will receive a **TAPS ACROSS AMERICA** sticker. Please send to:

Taps For Veterans

C/O Mark Paradis
5 Wisdom Way
Harwich, MA 02645

Stickers will be sent out after Memorial Day, so please be patient.

DO YOU HAVE AN ON-LINE STORE TO PURCHASE MERCHANDISE?

Absolutely! Be sure to check out our updated online store for unique Taps Across America items for both men and women! All proceeds go to support the nonprofit Taps for Veterans and the events they sponsor such as Taps Across America.

[**https://www.tapsacrossamerica.org/store/**](https://www.tapsacrossamerica.org/store/)



WHO SPONSORS TAPS ACROSS AMERICA?

Taps Across America is sponsored by the nonprofit **Taps for Veterans** and our friends at **Fleet Farm**

- <https://www.tapsforveterans.org/>
- <https://www.fleetfarm.com/>

For questions about TAPS ACROSS AMERICA, sponsorship opportunities or media inquiries, please reach out to Mark Paradis at contact@tapsacrossamerica.org