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Taps Across America 2026: “250 Years, 24 Notes, One Nation”

Join a Nationwide Memorial Day Tribute at 3:00 PM Local Time

Musicians of any age, ability, and instrument invited—everyone can take part

Harwich, MA — On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026, Americans across the country will pause at **3:00 PM (local time)** to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. **Taps Across America** invites people everywhere—musicians and non-musicians alike—to take part in a simple, powerful act of remembrance: **sound Taps (or observe a moment of silence) as one nation.**

Now in its **6th annual** year, Taps Across America is organized and sponsored by the nonprofit **Taps for Veterans**, and proudly supported by **Fleet Farm** as a key partner and sponsor. This year’s theme—**“250 Years, 24 Notes, One Nation”**—connects the spirit of Memorial Day with the growing national reflection surrounding America’s 250th anniversary, reminding us that freedom has always carried a cost, paid by generations of service members.

“Taps is only 24 notes, but it speaks for a grateful nation,” said **Mark Paradis**, Executive Director of Taps for Veterans. “At 3:00 PM on Memorial Day, we invite every community to pause and remember—whether you play one instrument or simply stand quietly in respect. This moment belongs to everyone.”

A Tradition Born From Unity

Taps Across America began in 2020, when communities sought meaningful ways to honor the fallen even as public gatherings were limited. What started as a porch-front tribute became a nationwide tradition—bringing people together across all 50 states through music, remembrance, and shared purpose.

New for 2026: Online Tribute During Registration

Participants can now **honor a military hero with an online tribute** as part of registration—This new feature makes the moment even more personal and helps ensure that a hero’s legacy is carried forward with gratitude.

Who Can Participate? Everyone.

This tribute is intentionally **all-inclusive**:

- **Any instrument** (bugle, trumpet, trombone, flute, saxophone, strings, drums—anything)
- **Any age** (youth, adults, seniors)
- **Any skill level** (beginner to professional)
- **Even if you don't play**, you can participate by **pausing in silence** at 3:00 PM.

How to Participate

1. **Register** – Sign up at tapsacrossamerica.org (and complete your optional online hero tribute).
2. **Choose a location** – Your porch, a park, a memorial, a cemetery, a veteran's grave, or any respectful place.
3. **Join at 3:00 PM local time** – Sound Taps (or pause in silence) as part of the nationwide tribute.
4. **Share your tribute** – Post photos or video using **#TapsAcrossAmerica** to inspire others.

No formal ceremony is required—just a heartfelt moment of reflection and respect. In recent years, thousands of musicians from all 50 states have participated, and organizers expect 2026 to be the largest and most meaningful tribute yet.

To register, learn more, and access resources, visit: tapsacrossamerica.org

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About Taps Across America

Taps Across America is an annual nationwide Memorial Day tribute inviting participants to sound “Taps” at 3:00 PM local time to honor fallen service members. Organized by the nonprofit **Taps for Veterans**, this grassroots effort unites Americans in remembrance and gratitude.

About Taps for Veterans

At Taps for Veterans, our mission is simple, solemn, and deeply important: to ensure that every veteran is honored with the live sounding of Taps. 24 Notes. One Final Promise.