



The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

*Caring for the
families of our
fallen heroes since
1994.*





TAPS Mission Statement

TAPS is the national non-profit Veterans Service Organization made up of, and providing support to, ***everyone*** who has lost a loved one serving in the armed forces.





TAPS History

- **1994** – TAPS founded with the support of SECDEF and SECVA, benchmarking the best peer based support programs in America.
- **1997** – TAPS is recognized as a Veterans Service Organization and the Chairman, JCS Shalikashvili directs the Services to connect all surviving families with TAPS.
- **2001** – TAPS is the only private organization in the Pentagon Family Assistance Center beside the Red Cross.
- **2008** – TAPS reaches 25,000 military survivors in its care.
- **2009** – Chairman, JCS Mullen calls TAPS the “Gold Standard” in care for the surviving military family.



TAPS Mission

- The mission of TAPS is to honor our men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to America by *caring for all those who they loved and left behind.*
- TAPS carries on and expands upon the immediate support provided by the Casualty Officer in the first few days by giving survivors a comprehensive array of support services, available 24/7, at no cost to the survivor or to the government.



Meeting the Mission

- Four core services:
 - Peer based **emotional support** for ALL who are grieving the death of a soldier.
 - **Case work assistance**, including legal assistance, financial resources, and benefits.
 - **Community based grief support**, including unlimited free clinical counseling, grief and trauma resources and information, support groups.
 - **Crisis intervention**, 24/7/365 with leading responders in every community in America.

Our 16th National Survivor Seminar in 2010! Over 1,200 attended last year!



You are warmly invited to attend
T★A★P★S 16th Annual
NATIONAL
Military Survivor Seminar &
Good Grief Camp for Young Survivors
Memorial Day Weekend
May 28 to 31, 2010
Washington, DC

44 Regional Survivor Seminars in two years with over 8,000 attendees – we are creating communities across America

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San Diego, California
October 9-11, 2009

Together Again

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Lansing, Michigan
Saturday, August 29, 2009

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**Military Survivor Seminar
& Good Grief Camp**

If you have been affected by the death of a loved one in the military, whether it was a family member, friend or fellow service member, you are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this special day of comfort, sharing, support and information.

TAPS
The Support Assistance Program for Survivors

Please Join Us!



360 families who lost a loved one to suicide in the military gathered in San Diego in October 2009 to learn coping strategies...



Honor their loved ones...



**And find comfort with those
who understand best...**



140 military children whose loss was suicide came to TAPS feeling alone ...





**And found they
are not alone!**





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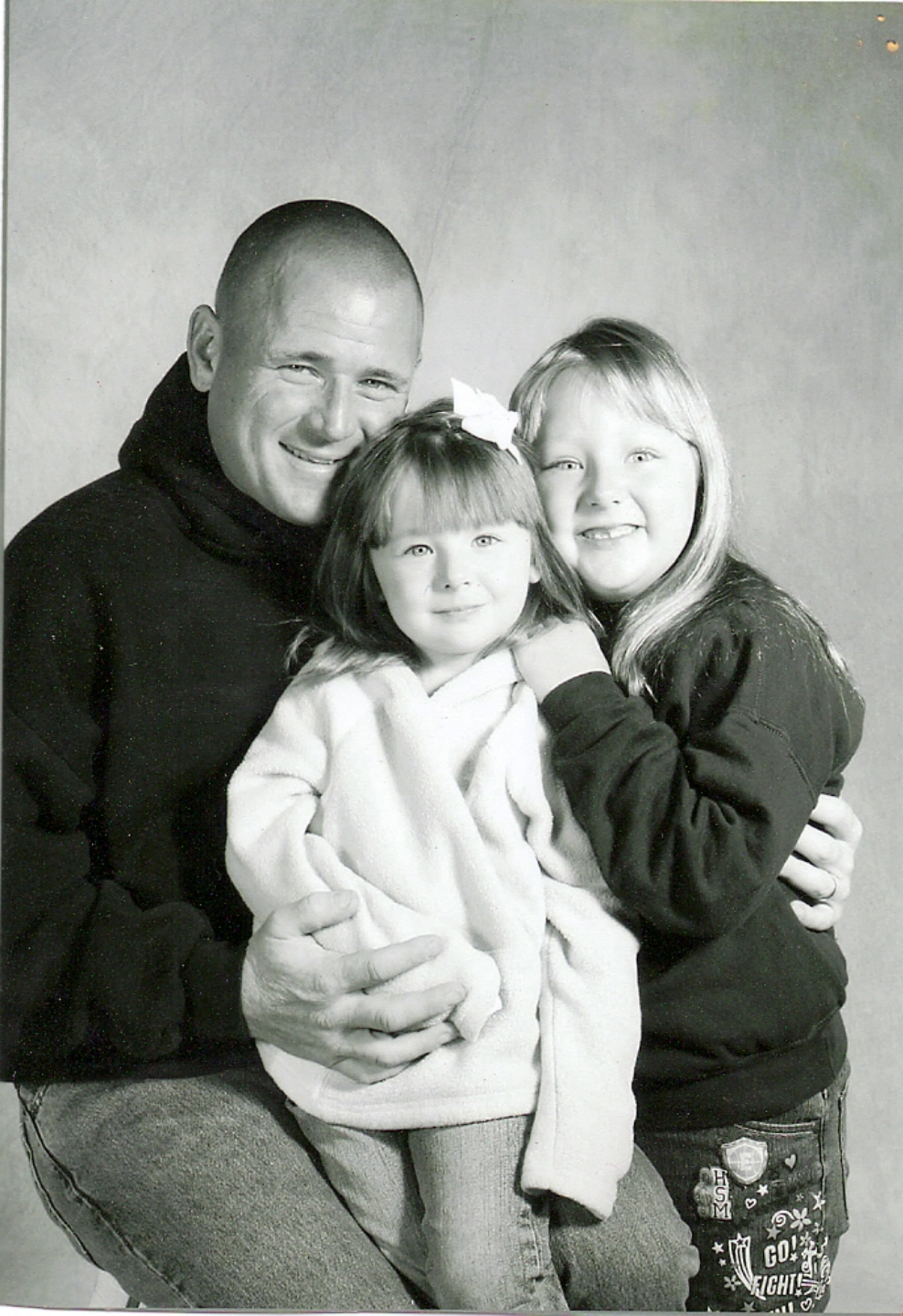
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