



TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

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Kathleen Moakler is the Director, Government Relations for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). In that role, she works with organizations, both government and non-government, whose work impacts the quality of life of military survivors. She analyzes federal and state policy and legislation as it pertains to benefits for surviving families and advocates for policies and legislation which promote the well-being of surviving families.

Kathleen comes to TAPS with 20 years of military family advocacy experience including protecting and enhancing surviving military family benefits, serving as past co-chair of the Survivor Program Committee for the Military Coalition, sitting on the DoD/VA Survivors Forum, and testifying numerous times before Congress on behalf of surviving military families. She also represented military families on the Congressionally-mandated Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council.

Mrs. Moakler is also a military mom and grandmother. Her daughter Megan is an Army nurse, son Matthew is an Army lieutenant colonel. Her oldest son Martin is the social media outreach director for Hulu.com. Her two grandchildren, Jack and Maeve, represent the next generation of military kids in the Moakler family. Mrs. Moakler and her husband, Colonel Martin W. Moakler Jr. USA (retired), reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is the national organization providing compassionate care for the families of America's fallen military heroes. TAPS provides peer-based emotional support, grief and trauma resources, grief seminars and retreats for adults, 'Good Grief Camps' for children, case work assistance, connections to community-based care, and a 24/7 resource and information helpline for all who have been affected by a death in the Armed Forces. Services are provided to families at no cost to them. We do all of this without financial support from the Department of Defense. TAPS is funded by the generosity of the American people.

TAPS was founded in 1994 by Bonnie Carroll following the death of her husband in a military plane crash in Alaska in 1992. Since then, TAPS has offered comfort and care to more than 70,000 bereaved surviving family members. For more information, please visit www.TAPS.org.

Caring for the Families of America's Fallen Heroes Since 1994