

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL DAY TAPS 2020

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The National Moment of Remembrance is an annual event that asks Americans, wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, to pause for a duration of one minute to remember those who have died in military service to the United States. The time 3 p.m. was chosen because it is the time when most Americans are enjoying time off of work for the national holiday. The Moment was first proclaimed in May 2000 for Memorial Day that year, and was put in law by the United States Congress in December 2000.

Because of the current health crisis, the United States has been forced to cancel most annual commemorations which include ceremonies, wreath-laying and parades.

The national organization <u>TAPS FOR VETERANS</u> felt it was fitting to remember those who died in service to our country as well as those who have died of the COVID-19 virus by sounding Taps on Memorial Day, May 25th at 3 pm (local).

At 3 PM on Memorial Day hundreds of buglers will sound the call from their front yard, sidewalk, driveway, apartment balcony and isolated areas to honor, reflect and remember. Each bugler has been instructed to observe social distancing during this time. Buglers who wish to participate can sign up by <u>CLICKING HERE</u>

<u>Steve Hartman</u>, "On The Road" correspondent of CBS NEWS has partnered with <u>TAPS FOR VETERANS</u> in getting the word out about this unique tribute to our nation's heroes.

Videos of those sounding the call will be posted on the <u>TAPS FOR VETERANS EVENTS YouTube Channel</u> starting on Monday afternoon. They will also be posted to CBS News.

<u>TAPS FOR VETERANS</u> is led by <u>Jari Villanueva</u> and other former military musicians who believe that a veterans' final honors are worthy of a live rendition of our National Song of Remembrance-Taps.

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