



Wounded Warrior Family Newsletter

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Camps and Retreats

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through a memorable camp experience in a “purple” environment. Operation Purple Camps are open to military children of all ranks and services – active and Reserve components – and give priority to children whose parents are in a deployment phase between September 2011 and December 2012.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

(TAPS) is a 24/7 resource for anyone who has suffered the loss of a military loved one, regardless of the relationship to the deceased or the circumstance of the death. TAPS provides comfort and care through comprehensive services and programs including peer-based emotional support; case work assistance; crisis intervention; and grief and trauma resources.

If you or someone you know are suffering the loss of a military loved one, please call the toll-free hotline, 1-800-959-TAPS (8277).

• Survivor Seminars and Good Grief Camps:

TAPS conducts regional Survivor Seminars and Good Grief Camps at locations across the country. These conferences provide a wealth of information, resources, and personal contact with fellow survivors in a spirit of friendship and understanding.

• *A Day at the TAPS Good Grief Camp:* Team leaders conduct various activities for children and teens of all ages, providing a safe place to learn about grief, share feelings, express emotions, and heal young hearts. Children will meet others their age who also are grieving. Through special activities called “grief work,” the children have fun while discovering how to cope with the pain they are

experiencing. The children will end the day by creating a network of care to lean on as they move forward.

Learn where and when the upcoming TAPS events are being held.

Resources for Military Children

Camp Hero Care Kit: The Trevor Romain Foundation offers a kit for military families with children ages six years and older for when a family member returns from deployment with an injury. In addition to the DVD, *Taking Care of You! Support for Kids of Injured Heroes*, the kit comes with a writing journal with prompts, a calendar, a map, a caregiver booklet, and more. To receive a Camp Hero Care Kit, please contact your Navy Safe Harbor Non-Medical Care Manager.

Sesame Street Talk, Listen, Connect Kits: *Deployments, Homecomings, Changes* is an outreach initiative designed for military families and their young children to share. Elmo and friends help military families and young children cope with the challenges of multiple deployments and combat-related injuries. The kit includes two Sesame Street DVDs; a magazine for parents and caregivers; and a children’s activity poster.

When Families Grieve is designed to help families sort through complex emotions, remember the life of a loved one, and find strength in one another. The kit includes a Sesame Street DVD; a special guide for parents and caregivers; and a children’s story.



If you’re interested in receiving the kits in either English or Spanish, please contact your Navy Safe Harbor Non-medical Care Manager. For both kits, it is



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