



CBS NEWS TO COMMEMORATE MEMORIAL DAY WITH “TAPS ACROSS AMERICA”

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Monday at 3PM local time, thousands of trumpet and bugle players will sound Taps from their porches



Credit: U.S. Army Band

Memorial Day celebrations across the U.S. will look a bit different this year, with most picnics, parades, and services cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. That’s why CBS News “On the Road” correspondent [Steve Hartman](#) is teaming up with retired Air Force bugler Jari Villanueva to keep the spirit of the holiday alive.

Hartman and Villanueva are asking veterans, musicians, teachers, and students of all abilities and ages to sound Taps on their front lawns, porches, and driveways **at 3:00 PM local time this Monday, May 25th**.

Hartman was inspired by a story he did in 2012 on [Don Brittain](#), who sounded Taps on his balcony at sunset. Hartman thought other trumpet players could do the same. Independently, Villanueva had virtually the same idea for a Memorial Day tribute. Villanueva runs the organization [Taps for Veterans](#). He says he wasn’t content to let the holiday pass without commemorating America’s fallen service members, as well as the many lives lost to coronavirus.

If you’d like to dust off your trumpet or bugle and sound the call, here’s what you need to know:

Who can participate?

Anyone who can sound Taps on a trumpet, bugle, or similar instrument

When should I sound Taps?

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) at 3:00 PM in your time zone

How do I sound Taps?

Find the sheet music [here](#). Villanueva recommends playing in the key of B flat, if possible.

Where should I play?

Your front yard, porch, balcony, driveway, etc. – anywhere you can be socially distant from neighbors and passerby. Feel free to alert your neighbors so they can come listen from a safe distance!

On Tuesday’s CBS Evening News, we’ll share videos of some of the participants. Here are some tips to help you record your video:

What should I use to record a video of myself playing?

Any phone with a video camera works – you don’t need any fancy equipment. Just place your phone somewhere stable, or have someone with steady hands hold it in one place. Hold the phone horizontally, not vertically, so your video is wider than it is long. Record the whole performance. If neighbors or friends come to listen, get a shot of them too!

How do I share my video with CBS?

Tag us in your video on social media with the hashtag #CBSTaps, or upload it to [this folder](#). Please include your full name and location in the file name, if possible.