



**THE ARMED FORCES  
CYCLING CLASSIC**



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**TAPS SELECTED AS BENEFICIARY FOR 2019 ARMED FORCES CYCLING CLASSIC  
CHALLENGE RIDE**

***Challenge Ride participants invited to support TAPS through crowdsourced fundraising***

Arlington, Va. – The [Armed Forces Cycling Classic \(AFCC\)](#), presented by [The Boeing Company](#), returns to Arlington, Va., June 1-2, 2019. This year, Arlington Sports, Inc. is pleased to announce that the [Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors \(TAPS\)](#) has been selected as the official beneficiary.

“We are honored to once again participate in the Armed Forces Cycling Classic as this year’s beneficiary of the AFCC Challenge Ride,” said [Bonnie Carroll](#), TAPS President and Founder and 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient. “Cyclists of all abilities can ride with Team TAPS, honor the memory of a fallen military hero, and help support our mission to care for all those grieving the death of a military loved one.”

TAPS is the leading national nonprofit organization offering compassionate care and survivor support services to all those who have suffered the loss of a loved one who served in the Armed Forces. Since 1994, TAPS has assisted more than 85,000 surviving family members, casualty officers and caregivers through a 24/7 helpline, casework assistance, unlimited grief counseling and access to community-based care.

The 2019 AFCC Challenge Ride is open to Corporate Challenge Teams and individual riders of all abilities. Challenge Ride participants are invited to set up a crowdsourced fundraising page to support TAPS in the lead-up to race weekend. All riders who raise \$200 or more will receive a limited edition Team TAPS jersey. Interested riders can set up their fundraising page at <http://team.taps.org/cyclingclassic>.

The 2019 AFCC offers both riders and cycling fans plenty of exciting opportunities to participate. To register for the AFCC Challenge Ride or to obtain information on volunteer opportunities or how to witness the fast-paced action of professional cycling, visit [cyclingclassic.org](http://cyclingclassic.org).

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**Arlington Sports, Inc.** (ASI) is a Washington, D.C.-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and development of professional and amateur bike racing. For additional information on the Armed Forces Cycling Classic and other ASI events, please visit [arlingtonsports.org](http://arlingtonsports.org).

**The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)** is the leading national organization providing compassionate care and survivor support services for the families of America’s fallen military heroes. Since 1994, TAPS has offered support to more than 85,000 survivors of fallen military in the form of peer-based emotional support, grief and trauma resources, grief seminars

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and retreats for adults, Good Grief Camps for children, case work assistance, connections to community-based care, online and in-person support groups and a 24/7 resource and information helpline for all who have been affected by a death in the Armed Forces. Services are provided free of charge. For more information go to [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org) or call the toll-free TAPS resource and information helpline at 1.800.959.TAPS (8277).

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