

The United States Army  
**OLD GUARD FIFE AND DRUM CORPS**  
*Official Escort to the President of the United States*



*CW4 Frederick Ellwein, Commander* — *SGM Gregory J. Rock, Corps Sergeant Major*

The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, founded on February 23, 1960, has proudly served the United States Army and Nation for 50 years. Their music has inspired millions of Americans by recalling the days when brave patriots forged our freedom.

Located on historic Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is a part of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), the Army's Official Ceremonial Unit and Escort to the President. The Corps is the only unit of its kind in the United States Armed Forces and one of only four Army premier musical organizations. They have distinguished themselves as one of the finest ceremonial units in the world.

Wearing distinctive uniforms patterned after those worn by the musicians of General George Washington's Continental Army, the Corps provides musical support to ceremonies and special events in the Washington, D.C. area, including Presidential Inaugurations and White House full-honor arrival ceremonies for heads of state. The Corps' mission also includes an ever expanding public relations function, performing throughout the Nation and abroad as a goodwill ambassador for the Army and the United States.

Whether marching in a small-town parade, performing at a military ceremony, or representing our Nation to a world leader, the men and women of The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps proudly carry on the traditions that accompanied the birth of our Nation. To see the Corps is to experience the Army's history come to life - an exciting 235 year history carried on by a new era of American Soldier-Musician for all to experience!



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*Anniversary*  
**TATTOO**

*Saturday June 19, 2010*

*Celebrating 50 Years*  
1960-2010

## THE MEANING OF "TATTOO"

The word *Tattoo* comes from the Dutch term "Doe den tap toe", or just "tap toe", meaning "Last Orders". Translated literally, it means: "put the tap to", or "close or turn off the tap". It originally dates from the seventeenth century when the British Army was fighting in the Low Countries (Belgium and The Netherlands). Drummers from the Army garrison were sent out into the towns at 2130hrs (9:30pm) each evening to encourage the tavern owners to close the taps of their ale kegs and signal the soldiers it was time to return to their barracks for the night.

Over the years, the process became more of a show, including bands and displays, and shows were often conducted under floodlight or searchlight. Today, military tattoos have evolved into grand displays and are held throughout the world - the largest being Scotland's Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

A custom unique to the United States Armed Forces is the sounding of a bugle call entitled "Tattoo." This bugle call, the longest in the U.S. Manual of bugle calls is normally sounded one-half hour before "Taps." Like its European cousin, it is the signal for soldiers to return to the barracks and prepare for lights out. Tonight Tattoo will be sounded during the Finale portion of the show.

This evening's performance celebrates 50 years of pride, dedication and excellence of the U.S. Military's most unique musical unit: The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. This show will feature the music and precision of both military and civilian units coming together for the first time to celebrate the Unit's five decades of service. Tonight we also recognize the selfless service of the American Soldier, standing vigilant throughout the world to ensure our safety and freedom here at home. *We hope you enjoy the performance!*

## PRODUCTION TEAM

MSG Russell Smith  
MSG Robert Simpson  
MSG Joshua Dukes  
MSG Susan Moser  
MSG Richard Rolls  
SFC Richard Ruddle

SSG Andrew Ruddle  
SSG Alexander Borisov  
Ms. Brenda Cecil  
Mr. Jeremy Young  
AMVTD  
EventEQ

Military District of Washington  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall  
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (TOG)  
The United States Army Band  
Army Knowledge Online  
USO of Metropolitan Washington

## \*\*\* TONIGHT'S PROGRAM \*\*\*

Presentation of the Colors  
National Anthem

### ACT ONE

Fifes and Drums of Colonial Williamsburg - *Williamsburg, VA*  
City of Washington Pipe Band - *Washington, DC*  
American Originals Fife and Drum Corps - *Annapolis, MD*  
U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps - *Washington, DC*

### INTERMISSION

### ACT TWO

U.S. Military Academy Band - "Hellecats" - *West Point, NY*  
1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps - *Sterling Heights, MI*  
Federal City Brass Band - *Baltimore, MD*  
U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps - *Washington, DC*

### FINALE

Massing of the Music  
Amazing Grace  
Sounding of Tattoo  
March-off  
Army Song  
Retirement of the Colors



U.S. Military Academy Band  
"The Hellecats"



U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps  
"The Commandant's Own"



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