



# The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

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## Live Audition June 25-26, 2025 Materials due April 30, 2025

### Bugle Vacancy Information

The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps announces a Bugle Musician vacancy. The position requires the exclusive use of a top action rotary valve B-flat trumpet. In addition to performing with the Corps, buglers provide support for military funerals.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is a premier military music ensemble comprised of 70 musicians whose main duty is the ceremonial support of military functions within the National Capital Region. Ceremonial duties are largely conducted outdoors and involve prolonged periods of standing and marching. The Corps' work schedule varies and involves daytime work hours with intermittent night, weekend, and travel commitments.

### Benefits

#### Military Rank

Members of The Fife and Drum Corps are given the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 42S, "Special Band Musician." Personnel are promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) immediately after the completion of Basic Combat Training.

#### Compensation

The annual starting salary for Staff Sergeant equates to \$80,000 without dependents and \$86,000 with dependents.

#### Healthcare

Full medical and dental coverage through Tricare.

#### Paid Leave

30 days paid vacation annually

#### Retirement

The Blended Retirement System allows you to immediately begin contributing to a retirement account, in addition to being eligible for a pension after 20 years of active duty service.

#### Education

Earn full tuition for higher education through the Montgomery and Post 9/11 GI Bill. Tuition Assistance is also available for continuing education while serving.

#### Location

Permanent duty assignment to JBM-HH, VA, located near the heart of Washington, DC.

### Qualifications:

Qualified candidates must demonstrate superior musical expertise. Candidates must exhibit the highest standards of military bearing, personal appearance, and discipline.

Candidates must have no physical hindrance to marching or movement. Marching and maneuvering is a requirement of the position and will be assessed as a portion of the live audition. Candidates must be capable of performing without the aid of glasses. Contact lenses are acceptable.

#### Enlistment

U.S. Citizenship is required. Eligible applicants must be between ages 18 and 35.

Minimum enlistment period of 4 years, after notification of acceptance.

TOGFDC Soldiers must obtain a security clearance, qualify for presidential support duties, and exhibit a high degree of maturity, discretion, and trust.

Comply with Active Duty Army height and weight standards upon enlistment.

Candidates must complete U.S. Army MEPS prior to live audition.



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## To Apply for a Live Audition

Please submit a Pre-Screening Portfolio that includes the following:

### 1 Information Sheet

- Height and weight
- Citizenship status
- Current references with email and phone contact information- 2 professional, 1 personal
- Unlisted YouTube recording link

### 2 One-Page Resume

- Education
- Performance / occupational experience
- All prior marching experience
- Additional information pertaining to this position

### 3 Video Recording

- The video image should be level and straight from the front.
- Professional appearance is highly recommended.
- Ensure your video loads and functions properly.
- The presence of a splice or edit within a selection will constitute elimination.
- Each selection may be recorded separately, individual videos must be compiled into a single Youtube link.
- Include the following:
  1. Charlier #2 - *Du Style* - beginning to m. 36
  2. Hanssen - *Valdres* - Excerpt (a) solo AND Excerpt (b) upper divisi only
  3. Bugle Calls
    - 1) Tattoo
    - 2) Taps

## Military Applicants

Please contact us at [auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com](mailto:auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com) for eligibility and additional material requirements.



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## All Applicants

Email all materials to the Auditions Coordinator at: [auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com](mailto:auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com) at one time. Please do not submit files individually over a period of time. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your portfolio. If you do not have confirmation within 48 hours of submission, please contact the Auditions Coordinator. Portfolios must be submitted by email no later than 11:59pm EST on April 30, 2025. All file names must include your first and last name.

## Audition

A select number of candidates will be invited to attend a live audition at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA June 25-26, 2025. The audition is a two day process and will include the following:

- Prepared selections
- Memorized selections
- Marching instruction and assessment
- 30-Minute standing endurance evaluation
- Section playing
- Interview

\*Candidates may be dismissed based on their performance after any assessment\*

### Civilian Applicants:

If selected for the live audition, your local recruiter will arrange to have your audition travel expenses paid for by the U.S.Army Recruiting Battalion [IAW USAREC Message 23-036 Para-graph 6]. Civilian Applicants **ARE NOT** under obligation to enlist unless they are offered and accept a position with the Fife and Drum Corps.

Civilian Applicants are encouraged to speak with a recruiter at their earliest convenience. Completion of the military medical pre-screening does not guarantee an invitation to the live audition, nor does it obligate an applicant to join the Army. However, completion of MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) pre-screening is a prerequisite to secure Army funding to attend the live audition. MEPS pre-certifications are valid for two years upon completion.

The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps supports an environment in which all individuals are treated fairly and respectfully, have equal access to opportunities and resources, and can contribute fully to the organization's success, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, or national origin.

For more information, please email [auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com](mailto:auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com)



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# Bugle Audition 2025

## *Pre-screen Audition Music*

1) **Charlier #2 - *Du Style*** [beginning - m. 36]

2) **Hanssen - *Valdres*** [Excerpt (a) Solo] AND [Excerpt (b) upper divisi only]

3) **Bugle Calls**

*-Tattoo*

*-Taps*

# 1) Charlier #2 - *Du Style* [beginning - m. 36]

♩ 2 DU STYLE (\*) 5

5 *Allegretto* (M. M. 84 = ♩)

*mf*

*f* *p* *f* *p* *mf* *cresc.*

*p* *Meno mosso* *poco rit.* *dolce*

## 2) Hanssen - *Valdres* [Excerpt (a) Solo] AND [Excerpt (b) upper divisi only]

♩ = 100 (both excerpts)

Hanssen, *Valdres* (a)

Moderato  
Solo

*mf*

(b) (play upper divisi)

1 player

*pp*

49 1 player ad lib.

*ff*  
Tutti

*ff*

*Fine*

### 3) Bugle Calls

*Tattoo* ♩ = 132

The musical score for 'Tattoo' is written in C major and common time. It consists of five staves of music. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 132. The piece begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. There are triplet markings on the fourth and fifth staves. The piece concludes with a final note marked with a '-3'.

*Taps*

The musical score for 'Taps' is written in C major and common time. It consists of one staff of music. The piece features a series of dotted quarter notes, which is the characteristic rhythm of the 'Taps' bugle call.