



The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

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Live Audition July 16-17 2025
Materials due May 21 2025

Fife Vacancy Information

The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is one of four premier musical ensembles within the U.S. Army, and is permanently stationed at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA. Members of the Corps perform using musical instruments and wear uniforms similar to those worn by military musicians of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. The Fife and Drum Corps performs in ceremonies for official military and government events at the White House, Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH). The Corps also supports the Army's mission by traveling nationally and internationally to perform shows, parades, and special events.

Fife Applicants may audition on Fife or Piccolo – no prior fife experience necessary. The prescreening audition will consist of an application and video recording, due May 21st, 2025. Applicants invited to the live audition will have all travel expenses paid by the U.S. Army to audition at The Fife and Drum Corps on historic Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, in Arlington, VA on July 16th through 17th, 2025.

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.

TOGFDG 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 and date of birth
- Current references with email and phone contact information- 1 professional and 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 that your video loads and functions properly
- Presence of a splice or edit within a selection will constitute elimination
- Each excerpt may be recorded separately, individual videos must be compiled into a single Youtube link
- Include the following material to be played:
 1. Leaving of Liverpoole
 2. Fairfield Muster
 3. The Black Bird
 4. Major McLean's Reel - both parts, recorded as individual tracks

Military Applicants

Please contact us at auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com to verify eligibility and additional material requirements.



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All Applicants

Email all materials to the Auditions Coordinator at: 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 11:59 pm EST on May 21, 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 July 16-17, 2025. The live audition is a two day process and will include the following:

- Prepared selections which will be provided
- Memorized selections which will be provided
- Marching Instruction and Assessment
- 30-Minute Standing Endurance Evaluation
- Marching and playing with a fife section
- Personal 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 Paragraph 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.



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Prescreening Music

Applicants playing piccolo will play all music 8va
Please record all parts as individual tracks

Style note: All notes are played full value unless otherwise noted and are connected to facilitate phrasing. Please play all selections without vibrato.

Selections from the repertoire of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps by
J. McDonagh, The Company of Fifers and Drummers
ed. by SFC Barone

1 $\text{♩} = 98$ *Leaving of Liverpool*

Musical score for 'Leaving of Liverpool' in G major, common time. The piece begins with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The score spans two staves, ending with a double bar line.

2 $\text{♩} = 100-104$ *Fairfield Muster*

Musical score for 'Fairfield Muster' in G major, 3/4 time. The piece features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes. It includes first and second endings, a 'NB' (Nota Bene) section, and triplets. Dynamics range from *f* to *ff*. The score spans five staves, ending with a double bar line.

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♩ = 100 *The Black Bird*

Musical score for 'The Black Bird' in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time. The score consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and ends with *f*. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff features three dynamic markings: *ff*, *f*, and *ff*, each indicated by a wedge-shaped hairpin.

Please record the first and second parts as separate tracks

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♩ = 96 *Major McLean's Reel*

Musical score for 'Major McLean's Reel' in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time. The score is presented in three systems, each with two staves. The first system starts with a dynamic marking of *f*. The second system includes a *ff* marking. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the third system.