



The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

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**Live Audition November 13-14 2024
Materials due September 18 2024**

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 September 18th, 2024. 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 November 13th through 14th, 2024.

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 \$76,000 without dependents and \$83,000 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 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.

All Applicants must:

Be eligible for military service with the United States Army.

Have no physical hindrance to marching or movement. Marching experience is not necessary. However, precision marching and maneuvering is a requirement of the position and will be an assessed portion of the live audition.

Be capable of performing while marching without the aid of glasses, or be able to wear contact lenses.

Have U.S. citizenship.

Be able to obtain a security clearance

Enlist for a minimum of 4 years, with notification of acceptance prior to enlistment.

Civilian applicants must be between 18 and 35 years of age.

Comply with active duty Army height and weight standards.

Successfully 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, straight from the front, as close to the performer as possible, and contain a view of the performer from head to toe.
- 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
- If recorded separately, individual videos must be compiled into a single Youtube link.
- Include the following material to be played:
 - I. Rally Around the Flag
 - II. Dream Quickstep
 - III. Lowlands Aways
 - IV. Damn the Curfew
 - V. Dawning of the Day

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 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 24 hours of submission, please contact the Auditions Coordinator. Portfolios must be submitted by email no later than 11:59 pm EST on September 18th, 2024. 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 November 13-14th, 2024. Due to the high visibility and unique requirements of the position, the audition itself will be a two-day process, and will include the following:

- Marching Instruction and Assessment
- 30-Minute Standing Endurance Evaluation
- Memorized selections which will be provided
- Prepared selections which will be provided
- 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.

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Fife Audition - Fall 2024

Prescreen Music - Fife/Piccolo

Applicants auditioning on piccolo will play the following selections 8va

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

Selections by The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps,
R. Watrous, B. White, Company of Fifers and Drummers
Arr. by SSG Koesterer and SSG Rice Rogers

Rally Around the Flag

♩ = 104



Dream Quickstep

♩ = 104



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Lowlands Away ♩ = 88
arioso

mp

5 *f* *mf* 3

12 *ff* *mp* *accel.* 3

Trenton
con fuoco ♩ = 100

19 *cresc.* *f* *f*

25



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31

Musical notation for measures 31-36. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music consists of two staves. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and triplet markings. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth-note patterns.

37

Musical notation for measures 37-43. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music consists of two staves. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and triplet markings. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth-note patterns.

44

Musical notation for measures 44-49. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music consists of two staves. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and triplet markings, marked with a dynamic of *mp*. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth-note patterns, also marked with a dynamic of *mp*.

50

Musical notation for measures 50-55. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music consists of two staves. The upper staff features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and triplet markings, marked with a dynamic of *mf*. The lower staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth-note patterns, also marked with a dynamic of *mf*. The notation includes tempo markings: *poco ritard*, *a tempo*, and *f*.



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Damn the Curfew $\text{♩} = 104$

Musical score for the piece "Damn the Curfew". The score is written in treble clef, key signature of two sharps (D major), and 2/2 time signature. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with a measure number of 1. The second staff starts with a measure number of 6. The third staff starts with a measure number of 13. The fourth staff starts with a measure number of 20 and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The fifth staff starts with a measure number of 27 and also includes a triplet of eighth notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Dawning of the Day ♩ = 104

Musical score for "Dawning of the Day" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and ends with a fermata. The second staff begins with a dynamic marking of *f* and ends with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The third staff begins with a dynamic marking of *f* and ends with a fermata. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 104.

mf

f *mf*

f



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