



# The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

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## Live Audition May 14-15, 2026

### 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 bugle. In addition to performing with the Corps, buglers provide support for military funerals.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps (TOGFDC) 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 awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 42S, "Special Band Musician". Personnel are typically promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) within six months of enlistment.

#### Compensation

The annual starting salary for Staff Sergeant is approximately \$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 Post 9/11 GI Bill. Tuition Assistance is also available for continuing education while serving.

#### Location

Permanent duty assignment to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (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 the ages of 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.

Candidates must complete U.S. Army Military Entrance Processing Station (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**
  - Complete the provided Information Sheet
- 2 One-Page Resume**
  - Education
  - Performance / Occupational Experience
  - All prior marching experience
  - Additional information pertaining to this position
- 3 Video Recording**
  - The video 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 #6 - *Du Style [beginning - m. 35]*
    2. Barber - *Commando March*
    3. Bugle Calls
      - a. To the Colors
      - b. Taps

## 4 Military Applicants

Please contact us at [usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.list.fdc-auditions@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.list.fdc-auditions@army.mil) to verify eligibility and additional material requirements.



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## All Applicants

Email all materials to the Auditions Coordinator at:

[usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.list.fdc-auditions@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.list.fdc-auditions@army.mil) at one time. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your portfolio. If you do not have confirmation within 48 hours of submission, please email the Auditions Coordinator. Portfolios must be submitted by email no later than 11:59 pm EST on March 23, 2026. 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 on May 14-15, 2026. 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
- 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 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, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin.

**For more information, please email**  
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# Charlier #6 – Du Style [beginning – m. 35]

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## DU STYLE

♩ 6

様式の研究

*Andante cantabile sans lenteur* (M. M. 63 = ♩)

遅くなく

*dolce*

*p*

*espressivo*

*f*

*f*

*p*

*f*

*poco a poco string. e cres.*

- - - *een* - - - *do*

*senza string.*

*p*

*ad libitum*

*mf*

*rit.*

**Tempo**

*f*

*poco agitato*

# Barber - *Commando March*

Fast march-time ♩ = 144

ff

**L**

*mf*

*flutters.*

*p* *ff*

**K**

**M**

*f* *ff*

# Bugle Calls

*To the Color* ♩ = 132

⌘

*Fine*

*D.S. al Fine*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the bugle call 'To the Color'. It consists of three staves of music in common time (C). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 132. A repeat sign (⌘) is placed above the first measure. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes two first endings, labeled '1' and '2', which lead to a double bar line. The word 'Fine' is written above the end of the second staff. The third staff continues the melody with a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The instruction 'D.S. al Fine' is written above the end of the third staff.

*Taps*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the bugle call 'Taps'. It consists of a single staff of music in common time (C) with a treble clef. The melody is composed of quarter notes and half notes, with some notes marked with a fermata. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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*CW4 Thomas Jackson, Bandmaster*

## Personal Information Sheet

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:
Street Address:		City:
State:	Zip Code:	Primary Phone Number:
Email Address:		
Date of Birth:		Are you a US Citizen?

## Professional Reference 1

Name:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

## Professional Reference 2

Name:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

## Personal Reference 1

Name:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

## Personal Reference 2

Name:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

Unlisted YouTube Link:

All applicants please attach a 1 Page Resume

Military Applicants: Please attach your Soldier Talent Profile (or service equivalent), Letter of Commander's Intent to Release, and last 2 NCOERs

**Please submit application to: [usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.list.fdc-auditions@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbmhh.mdw.list.fdc-auditions@army.mil)**