



The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

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**Live Audition October 29-30 2026
Materials due August 27 2026**

Fife Vacancy Information

The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps announces a Fife Musician vacancy. Fife Applicants may audition on Fife or Piccolo – no prior fife experience necessary. 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, Virginia on October 29-30 2026.

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. 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. 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 (TOGFDC) are awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 42S, "Special Band Musician". Base rank for MOS 42S is Staff Sergeant (pay grade E-6).

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 Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA (JBM-HH), 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.

Candidates must complete U.S. Army 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 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:
 1. The Night is Calm
 2. Jefferson and Liberty
 3. The Pennsylvania Reel
 4. President Garfield's Hornpipe
 5. The Flowers of Edinburgh
 6. The Ash Grove
 7. Selection of your choosing - not to exceed 5 minutes. Preferably traditional, baroque, or classical

Military Applicants

Please contact us at 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. Please submit all items in a single email, 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 August 27, 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 October 29-30, 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
- Marching and playing with a fife section
- 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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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

Fife Audition - Fall 2026

Prescreen Music - Fife

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
& The Company of Fifers and Drummers
Arr. by SSG Healy

1

The Night is Calm

♩ = 76

cantabile



2

Jefferson and Liberty

♩ = 96



The Pennsylvania Reel



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Applicants will record both parts separately

3

President Garfield's Hornpipe

$\text{♩} = 96$ smooth

Musical score for President Garfield's Hornpipe, featuring two staves (treble and bass clef) in 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as 96 beats per minute and the mood is smooth. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 8, 16). The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mf*. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

4

The Flowers of Edinburgh

$\text{♩} = 96$

Musical score for The Flowers of Edinburgh, featuring a single staff in treble clef in 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as 96 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 7, 13). The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mf*. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The second and third systems include first and second endings, marked with '1.' and '2.' respectively. The second system includes a dynamic marking of *f*.

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5

The Ash Grove

$\text{♩} = 132$ *dolce*



6

**Applicants will record a selection of their choosing and may not exceed 5 minutes in length.
The selection may be played on either piccolo or fife.**

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Prescreen Music - Piccolo

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1 *The Night is Calm*
cantabile
♩ = 76
mf

10 *mp*

This musical score for 'The Night is Calm' is written for a piccolo in 2/4 time. It begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and a tempo of 76 beats per minute. The melody is characterized by a cantabile (singable) style, featuring flowing eighth and sixteenth notes. The score spans two staves, with the first staff containing measures 1 through 9 and the second staff containing measures 10 through 19. The piece concludes with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic.

2 *Jefferson and Liberty*
♩ = 96
mf

9 *mf*

♩ = 100

17 *mf*

25 *mf*

33 *mf*

41 *mf*

49 *f*

57 *f*

This musical score for 'Jefferson and Liberty' is written for a piccolo in 6/8 time. It begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and a tempo of 96 beats per minute. The melody is characterized by a lively, rhythmic style, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The score spans seven staves, with the first staff containing measures 1 through 8 and the subsequent staves containing measures 9 through 57. The piece concludes with a forte (f) dynamic.

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Prescreen Music - Piccolo

3

Applicants will record both parts separately

President Garfield's Hornpipe

♩ = 96 smooth

Musical score for President Garfield's Hornpipe, featuring two staves (treble and bass clef) in 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as 96 beats per minute and the style is smooth. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 8, 16). The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mf*. The music consists of continuous eighth-note patterns in both hands, with some measures featuring rests or specific melodic lines. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

4

The Flowers of Edinburgh

♩ = 96

Musical score for The Flowers of Edinburgh, featuring a single staff in treble clef in 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as 96 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 7, 13). The first system includes a dynamic marking of *mf*. The music consists of continuous eighth-note patterns, with some measures featuring rests or specific melodic lines. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score includes first and second endings marked with '1.' and '2.'.

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5

The Ash Grove

$\text{♩} = 132$

dolce

Musical score for 'The Ash Grove' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score is written on three staves. The first staff contains measures 1 through 8. The second staff contains measures 9 through 16, starting with a measure rest. The third staff contains measures 17 through 24, also starting with a measure rest. The piece concludes with a double bar line. Dynamics include *dolce* at the beginning and *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the end of the second staff.

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