



# 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". 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 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 42.

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 / The Pennsylvania Reel
  3. President Garfield's Hornpipe
  4. The Flowers of Edinburgh
  5. The Ash Grove
  6. 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](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). 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*

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| <b>Personal Information Sheet</b> |
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| 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? |

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| <b>Professional Reference 1</b> |
| Name:                           |
| Email Address:                  |
| Phone Number:                   |

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| <b>Professional Reference 2</b> |
| Name:                           |
| Email Address:                  |
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| <b>Personal Reference 1</b> |
| Name:                       |
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| <b>Personal Reference 2</b> |
| Name:                       |
| Email Address:              |
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| 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)**

# 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

$\text{♩} = 76$  *cantabile*

Musical notation for 'The Night is Calm' in G major, 2/4 time. The piece begins with a *mf* dynamic. The melody is written on a single staff. The first line contains measures 1-9, and the second line contains measures 10-16. The piece concludes with a *mp* dynamic.

2

### Jefferson and Liberty

$\text{♩} = 96$

Musical notation for 'Jefferson and Liberty' in G major, 6/8 time. The piece begins with a *mf* dynamic. The melody is written on a single staff. The first line contains measures 1-8, the second line contains measures 9-16, and the third line contains measures 17-24. The piece concludes with a *mf* dynamic.

### The Pennsylvania Reel

$\text{♩} = 104$

Musical notation for 'The Pennsylvania Reel' in G major, 2/4 time. The piece begins with a *mf* dynamic. The melody is written on a single staff. The first line contains measures 1-10, the second line contains measures 11-20, the third line contains measures 21-30, and the fourth line contains measures 31-40. The piece concludes with a *f* dynamic. There are triplets in measures 49 and 57.

# Fife Audition - Fall 2026

## Prescreen Music - Fife

Applicants will record both parts separately

3

### President Garfield's Hornpipe

$\text{♩} = 96$  *smooth*

Musical score for "President Garfield's Hornpipe" in 2/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 96$  and the style is "smooth". The dynamic marking is *mf*. The piece is 16 measures long. The first system (measures 1-8) features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line in the bass staff. The second system (measures 9-16) continues the melody and bass line. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the 16th measure.

4

### The Flowers of Edinburgh

$\text{♩} = 96$

Musical score for "The Flowers of Edinburgh" in 2/4 time, key of D major. The score is written on a single treble clef staff. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 96$ . The dynamic marking is *mf*. The piece is 13 measures long. The first system (measures 1-6) includes a repeat sign. The second system (measures 7-12) includes first and second endings. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the 13th measure.

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**The Ash Grove**

$\text{♩} = 132$  *dolce*

Musical score for 'The Ash Grove' in treble clef, 3/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of three staves. The first staff contains measures 1 through 8. The second staff contains measures 9 through 16, with a *mp* dynamic marking at the end. The third staff contains measures 17 through 24, ending with a double bar line. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 132, and the style is *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

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

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Arr. by SSG Healy

1

### The Night is Calm

$\text{♩} = 76$

*cantabile*

Musical notation for 'The Night is Calm' in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The piece begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some slurs and ties. A mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic is indicated at the end of the piece.

2

### Jefferson and Liberty

$\text{♩} = 96$

Musical notation for 'Jefferson and Liberty' in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The piece starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody features eighth and quarter notes with various accents and slurs.

Musical notation for 'Jefferson and Liberty' (second system). The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 100$ . The piece continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

Musical notation for 'The Pennsylvania Reel' in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 104$ . The piece begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and features eighth and quarter notes with slurs.

Musical notation for 'The Pennsylvania Reel' (second system). The piece continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

Musical notation for 'The Pennsylvania Reel' (third system). The piece continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

Musical notation for 'The Pennsylvania Reel' (fourth system). The piece concludes with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

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## Prescreen Music - Piccolo

Applicants will record both parts separately

3

### President Garfield's Hornpipe

$\text{♩} = 96$  smooth

Musical score for "President Garfield's Hornpipe" in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 96$  and the style is "smooth". The dynamic marking is *mf*. The piece is 16 measures long. The first staff contains measures 1-8, and the second staff contains measures 9-16. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a repeat sign at the end.

4

### The Flowers of Edinburgh

$\text{♩} = 96$

Musical score for "The Flowers of Edinburgh" in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of a single staff in treble clef. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 96$ . The dynamic marking is *mf*. The piece is 13 measures long. The first staff contains measures 1-7, and the second staff contains measures 8-13. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a repeat sign at the end. There are two first endings (1.) and two second endings (2.) indicated by brackets and numbers.

