

# The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps

BUGLE

Apply before: August 18, 2022

Audition dates: October 13 - 14, 2022



The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps announces a Bugle Musician vacancy. The position requires the exclusive use of a two-valve B-flat bugle. In addition to performing with the corps, buglers provide support for military funerals.

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. 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**

- Promotion to rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) upon completion of initial entry training
- Stabilized assignment to Fort Myer, VA
- Medical, Dental, and Vision Care
- Group life insurance coverage
- 30 days of annual paid vacation
- Military Education Benefit

## **Audition Information**

A select number of candidates will be invited to attend a live audition at Fort Myer. For civilian applicants, local recruiters will arrange to have all travel expenses for the audition paid by the U.S. Army (*USAREC Reg. 11-1 Appendix B – 2 (d)6 and USAREC Reg. 37-17 Section 3-8 (b)1*). 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:

- Observing the Fife and Drum Corps in a Department of the Army Retirement Ceremony
- Marching Instruction and Assessment
- 30-minute Standing Assessment
- Memorized selections which will be provided
- Prepared selections which will be provided
- Sight reading
- Marching and playing with a bugle section
- Personal interview

Candidates may be dismissed based on their performance after any assessment.

## **General Qualifications**

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 a significant part of the audition process.
- Be capable of performing while marching without the aid of glasses or be able to wear contact lenses.
- Adhere to strict appearance guidelines. Specifically, no tattoos may be visible above a dress shirt collar or beyond a suit coat cuff while in the playing position.
- 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.
- 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.

## To Apply, Please Submit the Following:

1. Information Sheet
  - Height and weight
  - Date and place of birth
  - Current references (2 professional, 1 personal)
  - Unlisted YouTube recording link
  
2. Cover Letter
  - The cover letter is an opportunity to portray your personality; it should complement, not duplicate, your attached resume.
  - Address to the Commander of the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.
  - Detail what you, as an individual, will offer to the organization.
  - Mention specifically how your qualifications and experiences meet position requirements.
  
3. One-page Resume
  - Education
  - Performance/occupational experience
  - All prior marching experience
  - Additional information pertaining to this position
  
4. Two Professional Letters of Reference
  
5. Video Recording
  - The video image should be level 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
  - Video must be compiled into a single YouTube link.
  - Include the following material as separate videos *in the order listed below*:
    - i. Charlier #2 – *Du Style* (beginning – m. 36)
    - ii. Honneger – *Intrada* (beginning – reh. 2 (no pickup in last measure))
    - iii. Bugle Calls – *To the Color and Taps*
  
6. Military Applicants should also include the following:
  - All required materials
  - A copy of your ERB or service-equivalent
  - A letter of release from your commander.

All applicants should email materials to [auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com](mailto: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 audition coordinator. Portfolios must be submitted by email no later than 11:59pm EST on August 18, 2022. All file names must include your first and last name.