

## **Fife Vacancy Application Information**



The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, “Official Escort to the President,” is a U.S. Army premier band permanently stationed at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA. Members 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 ceremonies at official military and government events at the White House, Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The Fife and Drum 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 1, 2022. 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 October 27, 2022 through October 28, 2022. Any questions about the audition may be directed to [auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com](mailto:auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com).

Civilian Applicants: If selected for the live audition, your local recruiter will arrange to have audition travel expenses paid for by the U.S. Army. [USAREC Reg. 11-1 Appendix B - 2 (d)6 and USAREC Reg. 37-17 Section 3-8 (b)1]. Civilian Applicants ARE NOT under obligation to enlist unless they are offered and accept a position with the Fife and Drum Corps.

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.]

### **To Apply for the Live Audition:**

Please submit a Pre-Screening Portfolio that includes 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 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 Recommendation

### 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:
  - I. The required pieces: "A Trip to Waterford", and "Fairfield Muster"- which are enclosed
  - II. An *optional* solo or etude of your choice (no more than 10 minutes in length) may also be included.

### 6.) MILITARY APPLICANTS: Please also include the following:

- All required material
- A copy of your ERB or service-equivalent
- A letter of release from your Commander

**ALL APPLICANTS:** 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 **SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**. 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 on **27-28 October 2022**. 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 Fife Section
- Personal interview

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

## General Qualifications

- 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
- Be able to obtain a security clearance
- Enlist for a minimum of 4 years, with notification of acceptance prior to enlistment
- Be between 18-34 years old
- Comply with active duty Army height and weight standards
- Successfully complete U.S. Army MEPS **prior to live audition**

## Benefits

- **Military Rank**  
Members of The Fife and Drum Corps are given the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 42S (forty-two sierra), "Special Band Musician". Personnel are promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) immediately after completion of Basic Combat Training.
- **Compensation**  
The annual starting salary for Staff Sergeant equates to \$62,020 without dependents and \$69,328 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. Also, tuition assistance is available for continuing education while serving.
- **Location**  
Permanent duty assignment to Fort Myer, VA, located near the heart of Washington, DC.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://oldguard.mdw.army.mil/4-3-infantry/fife-and-drum-corps>, email [auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com](mailto:auditions.TOGFDC@gmail.com) or view the links below:

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[facebook.com/fifeanddrum](https://facebook.com/fifeanddrum)

[Instagram.com/armyfifeanddrum](https://Instagram.com/armyfifeanddrum)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIqhrR04gB9dvRH1-PBOjLA>

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# Fife Audition 2022

## Prescreening Music

Applicants playing piccolo will play all music 8va

Selections from the repertoire of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps by  
John McDonagh, SFC Moser, SFC White,  
ed. by SFC Barone

### A Trip to Waterford

*Fife 1*  $\text{♩} = 92-96$  *spirited*

Musical score for 'A Trip to Waterford' in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of six staves of music. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f* and a triplet of eighth notes. The tempo is marked as 92-96 beats per minute and the mood is 'spirited'. The score includes various dynamics such as *f*, *mp*, and *ff*. There are several triplet markings throughout the piece. The piece concludes with a final dynamic marking of *ff*.

\*optional,  
recommended if playing fife

### Fairfield Muster

$\text{♩} = 96-104$

Musical score for 'Fairfield Muster' in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f*. The tempo is marked as 96-104 beats per minute. The score includes various dynamics such as *f*, *mf*, and *ff*. There are several triplet markings throughout the piece. The piece concludes with a final dynamic marking of *ff*. A 'NB' (Nota Bene) marking is present above the third staff.