

Snare Drum Vacancy Application Information



Perform with The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps as a Snare Drum Musician. The position requires the exclusive use of a rope tensioned rudimental snare drum.

The Fife and Drum Corps is 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. Applicants for Fife and Drum Corps vacancies are pre-screened for qualification, and a select number of candidates will be invited to attend a live audition at Fort Myer, Virginia.

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 compliment, 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 Reference

5.) Video Recording

- The video image should be level, straight from the front, as close to the performer as possible, and contain a view of the performer from head to toe.
- Professional appearance is highly recommended
- Include a brief “who are you?” section at the beginning of your video
- Ensure that your video loads and functions properly
- Presence of a splice or edit within an individual selection will constitute elimination
- If recorded separately, individual videos must be compiled into a single Youtube link
- Include the following material to be played on a snare drum:
 - I. The provided *Pre-Screen Music*
 - II. A snare drum solo or etude of your choice (*Two minutes suggested, five minutes maximum*). Your solo should showcase your musical background and individual strengths as a musician.
 - III. The following rudiments played open-closed-open (*30 seconds in, 30 seconds out*):
 - Paradiddle
 - Flam Paradiddle
 - Inverted Flam-Tap
 - Drag Paradiddle #1
 - Single Ratamacue
 - Five-Stroke Roll
 - Seven-Stroke Roll
 - Long roll (*to be played 60 seconds in, 60 seconds out*)

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
- Official Military photo - DA photo or service-equivalent
- In addition to the DA photo, a full-length photo in uniform. Please ensure entire body is visible—top of head, all limbs, hands, and feet

ALL APPLICANTS: Email materials to 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 4 AUGUST 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 Fort Myer **29-30 SEPTEMBER, 2022**. For civilian applicants, local recruiters will arrange to have all travel expenses for the audition 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]. 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
- Marching and playing with a drumline
- Personal interview

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, tattoos cannot 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 18-35 years old
- Comply with active duty Army height and weight standards
- Successfully complete U.S. Army MEPS **prior to live audition**

Benefits

- Promotion to rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) upon completion of initial entry training
- Stabilized assignment to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) in Fort Myer, Virginia
- Medical, Dental, and Vision care
- Group life insurance coverage
- 30 days of annual paid vacation
- Post Exchange and Commissary benefits
- Military Education Benefit