



# *The Old Guard*

## *Fife and Drum Corps*

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Founded in February, 1960, the men and women of The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps carry on traditions that accompanied the birth of our nation. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is the only musical unit of its kind in the United States military with the mission to represent the United States Army at military and civilian ceremonies, parades, schools and other functions throughout the nation and world. The Corps showcases the professionalism of the U.S. Army Soldier musician and serves to revive the country's musical heritage.

The musicians of this unit recall the days of the American Revolution as they perform in uniforms patterned after those worn by the musicians of Gen. George Washington's Continental Army. Military musicians of the period wore the reverse colors of the regiments to which they were assigned. The uniforms worn by the members of the Corps are dated circa 1781, and consist of black tricorne hats, white wigs, waistcoats, colonial coveralls, and red regimental coats.

As an official representative of the U.S. Army, the Corps averages approximately 500 performances annually. The Corps has entertained millions of people in major parades, pageants and historical celebrations throughout the United States; and has served America as a goodwill ambassador as far away as Europe, Australia and Canada. Major sporting events the Corps has performed at include NCAA bowl games, NBA games, NFL games including Super Bowl XVI, the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500, and the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid NY.

In support of the president, the Corps performs at all armed-forces arrival ceremonies for visiting dignitaries and heads of state at the White House, and has participated in every Presidential Inaugural Parade since President John F. Kennedy's in 1961.