

Fife and Drum Corps Committee

The 7th Michigan Fife and Drum Corps Committee is composed of men and women interested in Civil War era music and living history. The primary purpose of the Fife and Drum Corps is to provide authentic Civil War era music for parades, memorials, ceremonies, living history programs and reenactments. The Fife and Drum Corps plays all camp duty calls (Reveille, Pioneer's, Sick, Breakfast, Adjutant's, Officers, Dinner, Supper, Retreat, Tattoo, etc.) as well as a repertoire of Civil and Revolutionary War tunes. New members in the Fife and Drum Corps should have a background in instrumental music. Fifers need not have had prior experience with the fife; lessons may be available to new members. Check with your New Member's Chairman for availability. Drummers should know the basic rudiments of drumming. The 7th Michigan Fife and Drum Corps may have scheduled practices. The current uniform, accouterments and equipment requirements of the Fife and Drum Corps are presented below. Individuals in need of assistance in obtaining uniform items should contact the Corporation's Military Quartermaster listed at the end of this manual or consult the Resources Directory section of this manual. Individuals in need of assistance in obtaining the correct period instruments should contact the Chairperson of the Fife and Drum Corps listed in the Resources Directory at the end of this manual.

MUSICIAN

Required:

Dark-blue wool sack coat,
Sky-blue wool pants,
Period suspenders,
Gray wool socks,
Jefferson or period-looking shoes or boots,
Bummer,
Period cotton shirt,
Waist belt with oval "U.S." brass buckle,
Period fife or snare drum,
U.S. canteen,
Black-tarred haversack,
(Period eye-glass frames or contact lenses for those who need glasses)

Optional:

Musician's dark-blue wool frock coat,
Sash,
White gloves,
Cravat,
Three-banded percussion musket (Springfield or Enfield) with sling, bayonet and frog,
Cartridge box with tins, sling, brass oval "U.S." and round eagle affixed,
Cap box,

Percussion caps and authentically rolled cartridges,
Half-shelter tent,
Poncho gum blanket,
Sky-blue wool great coat,
Slouch hat with brass eagle and blue infantry cord,
Trimmed Hardee's hat,
Dark-blue wool vest,
Six-buttoned white gaiters,
Gray or dark blue wool blanket,
Tin cup and plate and period silverware,
Period cookingware,
Miscellaneous camp equipment,
Leather fife case,