ANNOUNCES A VACANCY FOR TRUMPET/CORNET

Auditions for Trumpet/Cornet will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at the Marine Barracks Annex, 1053 7th Street, SE in Washington, D.C. If not completed on Monday, auditions will continue on Tuesday, February 28. Applicants should therefore be available to perform on both days.

A completed Applicant Fact Sheet and résumé must be submitted by Thursday, February 23. Confirmed applicants will be placed on the audition list upon the Marine Band’s receipt of these items, and they will receive an e-mail confirmation listing a designated registration time. No specific audition times will be assigned; musicians will be heard in the order in which they appear and register. The audition committee reserves the right to dismiss any candidate not meeting the highest professional standards.

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Its mission is unique: to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Marine Band musicians perform frequently at the White House in small ensembles, chamber orchestra, concert band, and as soloists. The Marine Band performs for a wide variety of commitments, to include public concerts, recording sessions, tours, chamber music recitals, military ceremonies, and state functions.

Today’s Marine Band is composed of roughly 160 of the nation’s finest musicians and support staff. Those selected for the U.S. Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra are exempt from recruit training and are appointed to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) under a contract “for duty with the U.S. Marine Band only.” The winner of the audition will receive instructions regarding enlistment procedures.

The audition will consist of the following:

A) Excerpts from the following (enclosed):

Preliminary round – excerpts will be heard in the following order:
- Etude No. 2, “Du Style” from Etudes Transcendantes (Charlier)
- Variations on “America” (Ives)
- Symphony in B-flat, 1st mvt. (Hindemith)
- An Outdoor Overture (Copland)
- “Golden Jubilee” (Sousa)

Semifinal and Final rounds – will include preliminary excerpts plus the following excerpts in no particular order:
- The Pines of Rome (Respighi/Duker)
- The Royal March from Histoire du soldat (Stravinsky)
- Festive Overture, Opus 96 (Gliastakovich/Hunsberger)
- “Danse napolitaine” from Swan Lake (Tchaikovsky)
- Capriccio italien, Opus 45 (Tchaikovsky/Winterbottom)
- Toccata Marziale (Vaughan Williams)
- Commando March (Barber)
- Midway March (Williams/Lavender)
- Summon the Heroes (Williams)
- Symphony in B-flat, 2nd mvt. (Hindemith)
- Etude No. 6, “Du Style” from Etudes Transcendantes (Charlier)

B) Final round only (music not provided)

Solo – Fantaisie Brillante (Arban)

C) Sight reading and small ensemble playing may be required
**APPLICANT FACT SHEET**

**NOTICE:** Prior to submitting this form, please verify that you meet the standard basic qualifications necessary to become a member of the U.S. Marine Band.

To review a list of these requirements, please visit our website at: www.marineband.marines.mil/Career_Info

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Do you have prior U.S. Military service? □ Yes □ No

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Please return this completed application and your current résumé by one of the following methods (in order of preference):

**E-MAIL:** marineband.operations@usmc.mil

**MAIL:**

Operations Officer
United States Marine Band
Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, SE
Washington, DC 20390-5000

**FAX:** (202) 433-4752

**NOTE:** Items submitted through the U.S. Mail are not delivered in a timely manner as they are diverted to an off-site security screening center before being forwarded to our facility. This process may cause a significant delay in the delivery of your materials.

Your name will be added to the audition list upon receipt of your application materials, and you will receive an e-mail confirming your appearance at the audition. If you are unable to attend or have further questions, please call (202) 433-5714 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. eastern time on weekdays. In the event of severe weather or other events that could impact the audition, please refer to your e-mail or the U.S. Marine Band’s website for updates.

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT FOR U.S. MARINE BAND APPLICANTS**

This statement is provided in compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) which requires Federal agencies to inform individuals who are requested to furnish personal information about themselves.

1. **Authority:** 10 U.S.C. 5063, MCO P5211.2

2. **Principal Purposes:** The information that will be requested from you in the selection process and personal interview is intended to provide a basis on which to evaluate your suitability to hold a position with the United States Marine Band.

3. **Routine Uses:** In addition to being used by U.S. Marine Band staff in the audition and evaluation process, pertinent information will be provided to other government activities in a preliminary screening to determine your ability to obtain a security clearance, which is a requirement for duty with the United States Marine Band.

4. **Disclosure of this information is voluntary, but failure to do so could result in the inability of U.S. Marine Band staff to evaluate your suitability for a position in the United States Marine Band and could preclude further participation in the audition process.**

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Trumpet/Cornet Audition
February 27-28, 2023
(Applicants may audition on B-flat or C Trumpet. No cornet, please.)

Preliminary round excerpts will be heard in the following order:

Etude No. 2, “Du Style” from *Etudes Transcendantes* (Charlier)

Trumpet in B-flat

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Allegretto  (M.M. 84 = \)

DU STYLE

\[ \text{Music notation image} \]
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Variations on “America” (Ives)

*Play two parts as one player*

Trumpet in B-flat

**Var. V** \( \frac{d}{q} = 138 \)

Symphony in B-flat, 1st mvt. (Hindemith)

Trumpet in B-flat

*Moderately fast, with vigor* \( \frac{d}{q} = 88 \)
An Outdoor Overture (Copland)
Trumpet in B-flat

"Golden Jubilee" (Sousa)
Trumpet in B-flat

- End preliminary round excerpts -
Semifinal and Final round excerpts will be taken from the following:

The Pines of Rome (Respighi/Duker)
Trumpet in B-flat

Piu mosso  \( \frac{q}{4} = 69 \)
Solo (from a distance)

\( \frac{q}{f} = 69 \)

The Royal March from Histoire du soldat (Stravinsky)
Trumpet in B-flat

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Festive Overture, Op. 96 (Shostakovich/Hunsberger)

Trumpet in B-flat

Presto  \( \frac{\text{d}}{\text{f}} = 168 \)

(not segue)
“Danse napolitaine” from *Swan Lake* (Tchaikovsky)

Trumpet in A

Andantino quasi moderato  \( \dot{\text{J}} = 100 \)

Molto più mosso  \((\text{accel. to } \dot{\text{J}} = 152)\)

Presto

*Capriccio italien*, Op. 45 (Tchaikovsky/Winterbottom)

Trumpet in B-flat

Allegro moderato  \( \dot{\text{J}} = 126 \)
Toccata Marziale (Vaughan Williams)
Trumpet in B-flat

(Allegro maestoso.)

\[ \text{marc.} \]

\[ \text{cantabile} \]
Commando March (Barber)
Trumpet in B-flat

Fast march-time \( \frac{d}{\text{444}} \)

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Midway March (Williams/Lavender)

Trumpet in B-flat

A la marcia

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Summon the Heroes  (Williams/Lavender)
Trumpet in B-flat

Solo

Rit.

Broader

Prologue

\( \frac{7}{8} = 76 \)

A Little Broader

\( \frac{3}{4} \)

Rit.

dim.
Symphony in B-flat, 2nd mvt. (Hindemith)

Trumpet in B-flat

Andantino grazioso (d 56)

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Etude No. 6, “Du Style” from *Etudes Transcendantes* (Charlier)

Trumpet in B-flat

**DU STYLE**

*Andante cantabile sans lenteur* (M.M. 63 = 2)

*Dolce*

*Espressivo*

*poco a poco string. e cresc.-endo senza string.*

*Ad libitum*

*Rit.*
AUDITIONS
Auditions for “The President’s Own” occur only in anticipation of projected vacancies and are announced through the organizational website, social media, newsletter, and by direct email to college band directors and instrumental music instructors. All auditions take place behind a screen to ensure anonymity in John Philip Sousa Band Hall at Marine Barracks Annex in Washington, D.C., and are conducted much like those of major symphony orchestras. There is no preliminary taped round.

Interested applicants should email a current résumé to marineband.operations@usmc.mil, mail to Operations Officer, U.S. Marine Band, Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, SE, Washington, DC 20390-5000, or fax this information to (202) 433-4752. Applicants must travel to Washington at their own expense.

MUSICAL REQUIREMENTS
No specific level of education is required, but most members hold college degrees, and many hold advanced degrees. The playing ability and expertise required are equivalent to those of any major professional musical organization.

The broad range of commitments by “The President's Own” requires musical versatility from all band members. Typical commitments include band concerts, ceremonial events, chamber orchestra, educational outreach, small ensemble performances, touring, and recording sessions.

QUALIFICATIONS
Successful completion of an extensive background investigation is mandatory in order to obtain a Secret Security Clearance. This clearance is a requirement for the assignment of the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 5511—Member, United States Marine Band. Due to the length and scope of the security clearance process, it is initiated following the member's enlistment onto active duty. Failure to obtain and maintain this security clearance will result in administrative separation from the U.S. Marine Corps. Current regulations authorize enlistment between ages 17 and 28. Age waivers may be granted in some cases; however, the maximum age for which waivers may be granted to those with no prior military service is 34. Applicants must also pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and a complete physical examination, which includes complying with established height/weight standards both at the time of enlistment and throughout one’s Marine Corps career (see height/weight chart on the following page).

The playing part of the audition assesses only the individual’s musical qualifications. To be offered a position in “The President’s Own,” one must also be physically qualified and capable of being granted the required security clearance. Selection as a finalist is not a determination that one is musically qualified for the position. Finalists are those the committee wishes to hear again in order to make a more complete assessment of their abilities.

Finalists are interviewed at the time of the audition in an effort to identify any potential problems that could affect the individual’s ability to be enlisted for duty with “The President's Own,” either related to health or the security clearance. The Privacy Act notice included as part of the Applicant Fact Sheet explains that information requested in the selection process and personal interview will provide a basis on which to evaluate the applicant's suitability to hold a position with “The President's Own,” and will not be used for any other purpose. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, failure to do so could result in the inability of the staff to evaluate the applicant's suitability for a position in “The President's Own” and could preclude further participation in the audition process. Likewise, disclosure of information during the interview that is determined to be disqualifying in nature could result in the applicant's immediate dismissal from the remainder of the audition process.
At the completion of the personal interview and health/security screening, if it is determined that health and/or background issues could affect an individual’s ability to be enlisted for duty with “The President’s Own,” such matters will be addressed with the respective agencies responsible for physical qualification or clearance matters. If these agencies confirm that an applicant is unequivocally disqualified for either physical or security clearance reasons, the Director reserves the right to eliminate the individual from further consideration.

Once found fully qualified and selected for a position with “The President’s Own,” applicants receive full medical and aptitude testing at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) nearest their current residence. This testing is coordinated by “The President’s Own” in cooperation with local Marine Corps recruiters.

**ABOUT THE ENLISTMENT**

The enlistment process is completed at the applicant’s local MEPS. A standard four-year enlistment contract is signed “for duty with the U.S. Marine Band only.”

Marine Band musicians are permanently assigned and may not be transferred to any other unit or location. Upon enlistment, new members are appointed to the rank of Staff Sergeant (pay grade E-6) in the U.S. Marine Corps and receive all pay and benefits commensurate with that grade. They are also subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the rules and articles of which govern the discipline of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Following enlistment, new members report directly to Washington, DC, with official travel and shipment of household goods conducted at government expense.

**RECRUIT TRAINING**

Members of “The President’s Own” are not required to undergo recruit training. The mission of “The President’s Own” is to provide music and perform such other functions as are directed by the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.” Unlike other Marine Corps musical units, “The President’s Own” has no secondary combat role, and its members are exempt from all such training. “The President’s Own” musicians report to

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Washington fully trained to perform their primary duties in the accomplishment of the band's unique musical mission. Therefore, there is no requirement for "The President's Own" musicians to undergo recruit training. New members are instructed by the Assistant Drum Major in appropriate military and band-related subjects. This ongoing process of instruction gives each musician essential knowledge about his or her role in the U.S. Marine Corps.

**PAY/ALLOWANCES**
Military pay is divided into two categories: basic pay (which is taxable) and other allowances (housing, subsistence) which are not taxable. Federal, state, and social security taxes are deducted only from the income's taxable portion. In addition, all members of the armed forces are allowed to claim their home state if they so desire. This may also affect their state tax status (see chart below for detailed information regarding pay and benefits).

**OTHER PAY INFORMATION**
Members of the armed services receive pay increases after the second year of service. These increases continue at the third and fourth year and are given every two years after that time up to year 26. In addition, requests for military pay raises are presented to Congress each year.

The Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) is determined by rank. The BAH is recomputed periodically to ensure that it conforms with actual housing costs. The Washington area has one of the highest BAH rates in the nation.

**RETIREMENT BENEFITS**
Members of "The President's Own," like all other active duty service members, are covered under the military's Blended Retirement System. Armed services members qualify for retirement at the completion of 20 years of active service at 40 percent of their base pay, with an additional 2 percent each year thereafter. This pension benefit requires no contribution from the individual.

The Blended Retirement System also includes participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP is a defined contribution plan that allows members to save for retirement in a tax-deferred, government-sponsored retirement plan. The member will be eligible for 1% automatic and up to 4% employer matching contributions to their individual account from their basic pay. The plan consists of five different investment funds that offer diversification over a broad range of bond and equity markets. The TSP is governed by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. Enrollment opportunities are available to all military personnel. The program is very similar to a civilian 401k or 403b style plan but at a lower administrative cost.

**NON-MONETARY BENEFITS**
As active duty members of the military, "The President's Own" musicians receive all medical and dental care, x-rays, tests, and prescriptions without charge. Dependents are also authorized

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**Monthly Pay and Allowances for a Staff Sergeant (Pay Grade E-6)**
**Effective Jan. 1, 2022**

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**Note:** Net pay refers to the amount taken home; gross pay reflects income prior to deductions.
to receive free medical care at selected military facilities. A contributory plan allows dependent dental care to be covered at a modest cost. Members who retire after 20 years of service also retain medical benefits through Tricare.

The musicians of “The President’s Own” receive full exchange and commissary privileges for themselves and their dependents. Members who retire after 20 years of service also retain full exchange and commissary privileges.

The Washington, DC, area has a wealth of government and military facilities that are available to active duty members and their families. These include swimming pools, tennis and racquetball courts, gymnasiaums, and golf courses. Marine Corps Community Service offers rental of camping and athletic equipment, etc. at little or no cost. In addition, there are ample opportunities for recreational, cultural, educational, and historical pursuits throughout the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

**LEAVE (VACATION) TIME**

Marines receive 30 days paid leave each year plus some federal holidays when not on duty. Special liberty may also be granted by the Director. All requests for leave are approved or disapproved based on the band’s schedule. “The President’s Own” has no “blanket leave” periods during which the entire band is on leave at the same time. To accomplish its mission, it is necessary for the Marine Band to remain operational 365 days a year.

**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

When funds are available, Marine Corps tuition assistance pays up to 100 percent of tuition, instructional fees, laboratory fees, computer fees, and mandatory course enrollment fees combined, not to exceed $250 per semester hour equivalent and $4,500 per individual per fiscal year. Tuition assistance funds are authorized for vocational-technical, undergraduate, graduate, undergraduate developmental, independent study, and distance learning programs. Courses must be offered by institutions accredited by agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education.

In addition to tuition assistance, the Veteran’s Administration offers educational assistance to all active duty service members in the form of the GI Bill. Two different GI Bill programs exist: the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post 9/11 GI Bill. These programs offer a range of benefits including the opportunity to transfer educational benefits to spouses and children. Some programs require a contribution from the service member. Information regarding the GI Bill and other educational benefits is available from the Veteran’s Administration. There are a number of colleges and universities in the Washington area, including Georgetown University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Catholic University, the University of Maryland, and the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

**HOUSING**

Military housing is limited in the Washington area and should not be anticipated. The majority of members live in the Washington metropolitan area, including areas of Maryland and Virginia. BAH is not paid if a member obtains military housing.

**“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” HISTORY**

“The President’s Own” has been part of the events that have shaped our national heritage for more than two centuries. Its omnipresent role in events of national importance has made it part of the fabric of American life. Established by an Act of Congress in 1798, the Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Its mission is unique—to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

President John Adams invited the Marine Band to make its White House debut in the unfinished Executive Mansion on New Year’s Day 1801. In March of that year, the band performed for the inaugural of Thomas Jefferson and research suggests it has performed for every Presidential inaugural since that time. In Jefferson, the band found its most visionary advocate. An accomplished musician himself, Jefferson recognized the unique relationship between the band and the Chief Executive and he is credited with giving the Marine Band its title, “The President’s Own.”

Whether performing for South Lawn arrival ceremonies, State Dinners, or receptions, Marine Band musicians appear at the White House more than 300 times each year. These performances range from a solo harpist or chamber orchestra to a dance band or full concert band, making versatility an important requirement for band members. Additionally, the band participates in more than 500 public and official performances annually, including concerts and ceremonies throughout the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Each fall, the band travels through a region of the United States during its concert tour, a century-old tradition started by John Philip Sousa, the band’s legendary 17th director.

The Marine Band’s integral role in the national culture and in the government’s official life has affirmed the importance of the arts as a bridge between people. Since 1798, “The President’s Own” has remained the only musical organization whose mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Marine Band continues to celebrate its rich history and tradition while also breaking new ground in the organization’s third century of bringing music to the White House and to the American people.
Dear Auditionee:

In addition to “The President’s Own,” there are excellent opportunities for musicians in our ten Marine Corps field bands. Enjoy the satisfaction of becoming a member of America’s elite fighting force while serving as a member of a performance ensemble. Celebrate our nation’s most treasured traditions with others that share your passion for music and service to our country in an environment that challenges you to live up to your full potential. Positively impact the lives of appreciative audiences in concert venues, on parade fields, and in professional sports stadiums around the world.

These bands are stationed at the major commands of the Marine Corps and are located in Hawaii, southern California, the Carolinas, Virginia, Louisiana, and Okinawa, Japan. Regardless of the ensemble—ceremonial band, concert band, show band, combo, or chamber ensemble—Marine musicians enjoy the satisfaction and experience gained through full-time performance with a professional musical organization in national and international venues. As a Marine musician you may qualify for an enlistment bonus, a choice of duty station, accelerated promotion to the rank of sergeant (E-5), and 100% tuition assistance while enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program.

If you would like to learn more about these rewarding positions, please contact an audition coordinator by emailing MarineMusic@marines.usmc.mil, by calling the musician recruiting coordinator at (703) 432-9662 or by visiting the website, http://www.marines.com/eligibility/musician-enlistment-option-program

Thank you for your interest in Marine Music and for auditioning for this position with “The President’s Own.”

Sincerely,
Jason K. Fettig
Colonel, USMC
Director, U.S. Marine Band