

The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez

Fife & Drum Corps

San Antonio, Texas

Our Fife & Drum Corps was started in 1988 and is an important part of our larger organization that was started in 1975.

The Fife & Drum Corps serves to educate the public about the important roles that fifers and drummers played as active-duty members of the Spanish army in the 18th century. In the heat of battle, with muskets firing and cannons booming and soldiers yelling, the soldiers often could not hear the officer's commands, so they relied on the high-pitched fife and percussion sound of the drums as musical commands. Soldiers had to know all the musical commands provided by the fifers and drummers such as Attack, Retreat, Forward March, etc. These musicians regimented the daily lives of soldiers with musical commands for activities such as wake up, call to dinner, lights out and other commands throughout the day.

Our Fife & Drum Corps stays active throughout the year by marching in parades and giving presentations at schools, libraries, and history fairs. Each year, we sponsor the 4th of July Patriotic Ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery and we serve as the Vanguard for the King William Fair Parade, an official Fiesta San Antonio event. To become a member of our unique and exciting group, contact Drum Major Ricardo Rodriguez.

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