

Job Description
Military Interpreter - Piper
Halifax Citadel Society

Position Title: Military Interpreter - Piper

Position Type: Term

Section: Program

Sub-Unit: Pipes & Drums

Reports To: Military Interpreter - Pipe Major

Position Description

The Military Interpreter - Piper portrays a British army bagpiper in the Pipes & Drums of the 78th Highland Regiment, circa 1869-1871. They participate in drill training scenarios and demonstrations, carry out daily piping duties, perform concerts, deliver guided site tours and other interpretive programs, and participate in a wide variety of on-site and off-site special events.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Performs solo and group musical demonstrations and concerts, including duty calls and piping.
- Participates in daily music and drill training.
- Participates in special events and ceremonial functions both onsite and offsite.
- Performs security functions during historic weapons demonstrations.
- Conducts guided site tours and interpretive programs, and interprets period exhibits and displays.
- Maintains personal uniforms, equipment, and instruments through regular cleaning and shining.
- Participates in the daily fatigue (cleaning) program of operational work areas.
- Performs other duties as required.

Requirements

Education

- No specific previous education is required.

Experience

- At least one year of competitive experience as a soloist.
- Recent experience in a pipe band playing at the Grade 3/4 level (or above).
- Level III Piping & Drumming Certificate (Piping) or higher.

Skills & Abilities

- The physical and mental ability to perform nineteenth-century British army foot and band drill, and to meet other essential physical demands.
- The ability to learn, memorize, and perform historic music within a limited time frame.
- The ability to work efficiently as a member of a team.
- The ability to learn historical information and present it accurately and efficiently to members of the public.
- The ability to speak and present in public, and to deliver guided site tours and other types of programming and interpretation to diverse groups of visitors.
- Advanced theoretical knowledge and practical music skills on the Great Highland Bagpipe.

Conditions of Employment

- Willingness and ability to wear historic military uniforms and equipment, and to adhere to associated personal appearance standards.
- Willingness to travel between work locations in small boats, and work in semi-isolated locations with limited infrastructure.
- Willingness and ability to obtain and maintain a Government of Canada Reliability Status security clearance.

Working Conditions

- Wears reproduction British and/or Canadian army uniforms, accoutrements, and equipment.
- Works primarily outdoors on rough surfaces and in all weather conditions, performing physically demanding tasks and standing for long periods of time.
- Also works inside historic fortifications in both period-accurate and modern spaces.
- Works a variable work schedule including weekends, holidays, evenings, and/or overtime as required.