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**TRYON PALACE FIFE & DRUM CORPS PERFORM AT
"DRUMMER'S CALL"
IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**

NEW BERN, NC---The Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps traveled to Colonial Williamsburg May 15-17 to participate in "Drummer's Call," a gathering of fife and drum groups from across the country. This was Tryon Palace's second year participating in this exciting weekend, and the New Bern corps joined groups from Virginia, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Connecticut. Drummer's Call is a unique way to showcase regimental field music, and the Tryon Palace Corps was thrilled to represent North Carolina at the annual event.

Musicians' calls were an important part of the eighteenth century military. Fifes and drums played from sunrise to sunset and served as a primary mode of

communication from commander to troops during battles. Music also served more mundane functions in daily camp life by signaling meals, drills and inspections.

The Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps marched and played in three performances as part of the weekend's events: an afternoon parade down the famous Duke of Gloucester Street, the Grand Review Concert, and a torch-lit parade Saturday evening. Less than four years old, the Tryon Palace Corps is already developing a solid reputation, and has been invited to perform at a muster in Yorktown this October and in Michigan in 2010. The Corps performs throughout the year at Tryon Palace events; upcoming performances include opening for the North Carolina Symphony on June 22 and the annual Fourth of July Celebration.

The Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps includes approximately 20 talented student and adult volunteer musicians from Craven and surrounding counties. They will be holding a recruit camp for interested new members July 27-31, 2009; no musical experience is necessary. If you would like to be a part of this exciting program, contact Katie Brightman at 252-514-4939 or katie.brightman@ncdcr.gov for more information about the Corps and the recruit camp. Help bring history to life in a truly unique way! ### End.