BELMONT — The Heritage Series at the Belmont Village Bandstand opens with a Civil War Commemorative program featuring music and commentary from the 12th New Hampshire Volunteer Regiment Serenade Band on Saturday, June 6 at 6:15 p.m.

The musicians combine a love of music and history, and have just returned from the Grand Review Parade in Washington, D.C. including more than 1500 re-enactors marking 150 years since the end of the Civil War. Founded in 1999, they will recreate a typical brass band of the era, performing on rare vintage instruments and wearing typical Union Army uniform and dress of the day.

Bandsmen played many roles during the war – providing music for troop entertainment, the wounded in hospitals, serenading officers at night and at other military functions.

The program is sponsored by the Belmont Heritage Commission, John M. Sargent Fund and Friends of the Bandstand. The series is dedicated to a "caring community and citizens that made the restoration of the 1908 landmark possible" according to Commission chairman Linda Frawley.

Also scheduled is Jon Lorentz's Soul Revival Band featuring Miss Sarah "Sugar" Jones on July 3 at 7:00 p.m. the Newmont Military Band on
August 15 at 6:30 p.m. and a Grandparents Day Celebration on September 13 at 1:00 p.m. with music including Gilford songwriter Don Watson and Jackie Lee of Belmont. Details at www.historicbelmonthbandstand.org

Attendees should bring lawn chair or blanket. Programs are rain or shine, with Corner Meeting House at Fuller and Sargent Streets the indoor location.

What do you think?

What did you think of the cut-off jean shorts Floyd Mayweather Jr. wore to game 2 of the NBA finals?

- I liked them
- I'm not a fan
- No opinion

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