First Heritage Series concert brings Civil War music to the bandstand

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Lieutenant Colonel Steve Gasiorowski, shown here in watching a Civil War battle, began his musical career as a nine-year-old playing in a marching band. “This is music actuality played during the Civil War,” said bandleader Steve Gasiorowski. "The horns we’re using are actual Civil War horns, and they’re not reproductions.”

Gasiorowski spoke on the importance of bands during the Civil War. Each regiment, like the 12th N.H. Regiment, was authorized to have at least a 25-member band to keep up the spirits of the troops. One popular song of the era, “Come Where My Love” was performed by the Serenade Band during the first of several summer concerts at the Belmont Bandstand.

“President Abraham Lincoln” (portrayed by Jim Miller of Canterbury) stepped in to conduct a song performed by the men and women of the 12th N.H. Regiment Serenade Band during the first of several summer concerts at the Belmont Bandstand.

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