

The 12th NHV Regiment Serenade Band



The 12th NH Volunteer Regiment Serenade Band recreates the sights and sounds of mid-19th century America, performing music of the Civil War played on period instruments. The musicians appear in typical Union Army uniform and period dress of the day

The band was formed in 1999 by musicians from New Hampshire who wanted to combine their love of history and music. Since that time, members of the band have been able to find and have restored some rare brass musical instruments dating back to the 1850's, including over-the-shoulder, bell front, and upright saxhorns and keyed brass horns. In addition to these original brass instruments of the period, music played by the band comes from regimental band books of the Civil War from groups and units including the 3rd and 4th New Hampshire regiments, the Manchester Cornet Band, the 25th Massachusetts regiment, Squires Cornet Band and the 26th North Carolina Regiment Band.

The music performed by the band includes waltzes, polkas, gallops, quicksteps, and love songs of the time, with such titles as *Dixie's Land*, *Lorena*, *Slumber Polka*, *Colonel Meeker's Quickstep*, *Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground*, and the *Port Royal Gallop*.

Concert programs include commentary on the instruments and the many roles bands performed during the war including providing entertainment for the troops, playing for the wounded in hospitals, serenading the officers at night, and providing music for various military functions.

The 12th NHV Band have played for reenactments and historical events at locations New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts including the Manchester NH Millyard Museum, The Woodman Institute in Dover, NH, The Mount Washington Resort Hotel, Mountain View Grand Resort, and for many historical societies in the region.

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