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HINSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

Hinsdale, NH – The Hinsdale Historical Society is proud to announce its largest event of the year: a Civil War Encampment to be held this September 13th, 2025 at the historic Colonel Ebenezer Hinsdale House. This immersive living history event will feature reenactors, live music, and a special appearance by “President Abraham Lincoln”, portrayed by Steve Wood, with support from the New Hampshire Humanities. This event promises to bring history to life in an engaging and memorable way for attendees of all ages.

Visitors will step back in time as members of The Vermont Civil War Hemlocks - 1st VT Light Artillery return to Hinsdale and will be joined by the Sixth New Hampshire Volunteers, presenting an authentic military camp experience with drills, demonstrations, and educational displays throughout the day.

A highlight of this year’s event is a live performance by the 12th New Hampshire Regiment Serenade Band, a Civil War-era brass ensemble dedicated to recreating the music that accompanied soldiers during the war. Their 90-minute concert will include historical narration and rare musical arrangements from the period.

Admission is free and open to the public. Parking will be \$5 per vehicle. There will not be food on-site for visitors. Donations to support the preservation efforts of the Hinsdale Historical Society are always appreciated.

Event Details:

Date | Saturday, September 13th, 2025 10AM - 4PM

Location | Colonel Ebenezer Hinsdale House,
609 Brattleboro Road
Hinsdale, NH 03451

Admission | Free - donations are welcome

Parking | \$5 per vehicle

For more information, please contact Sharron Smith at shsmith1@yahoo.com. Follow us on Facebook (Hinsdale, NH Historical Society) and our website (www.hinsdalehistoricalsociety.org) for updates and more details.

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Schedule of Events:

10:00AM | **Cannon and Infantry Musket Firing**

Vermont Hemlocks and Sixth NH Vols.

North Field

10:30AM | **Music of the Civil War**

12th NH Regiment Serenade Band

South Lawn

11AM | **Tour of Ebenezer Hinsdale House**

Hinsdale Historical Society volunteers

Hinsdale House

12PM | **Muster and Food Rations Demonstration**

Lunch for the VT Hemlocks and Sixth NH Vols.

North Field

1PM | **Cannon and Infantry Musket Firing**

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North Field

2PM | **"An Audience with Abraham Lincoln"**

Steve Wood

South Lawn

3PM | **Cannon and Infantry Musket Firing**

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North Field

4PM | **End of Event**

Thank you for joining us!

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About the Hinsdale Historical Society:

The Hinsdale Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history of our community and beyond. Through educational programs, events, and exhibits, we strive to connect the past to the present, fostering a deeper appreciation for our shared heritage.

About NH Humanities:

New Hampshire Humanities connects people and ideas by funding and supporting statewide programs that inspire curiosity, foster civil dialogue, and explore big questions. We envision a future where people come together to learn about themselves and others, appreciate different perspectives, and promote the common good. We believe that education is a lifelong process and is vital to each individual and to the strength of our communities, our state, and the nation. We believe that engagement with the humanities and their capacity to explore stories within the American experience is critical to understanding the democratic process and can enrich the lives of all people in New Hampshire. The quality and integrity of our programs, grants, and opportunities requires that they be offered by, accessible to, and in collaboration with a diverse group of people, especially the voices of those whose stories have not been fully or accurately represented throughout history. In fulfilling our mission to reach all people of this state, we strive to be inclusive and equitable in all that we do.

New Hampshire Humanities believes in diversity, equity, access, inclusion, and respect for all as bedrock values for the humanities. Our work is centered around building partnerships with diverse organizations and communities across the state to support a culture of inclusion. We are New Hampshire focused and will continue to evolve and serve Granite Staters now and in the future. For 50 years, New Hampshire Humanities has been connecting people to culture, history, places, ideas, and one another.

About Steve Wood:

Steve Wood, a graduate of the University of Maine, School of Forestry, worked for nearly thirty years with the UNH Cooperative Extension as an Extension Educator in Forest Resources, retiring at the end of 2003. He has been researching and presenting Living History programs as Abraham Lincoln since 1995. Steve is a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, the League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling, and the NH Storytelling Alliance.

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About The Vermont Civil War Hemlocks - 1st VT Light Artillery:

The "Old Brigade," of which the 3rd Vt Volunteers was a member, was considered one of the very best of the Union Army. It had the unfortunate distinction of having the highest number of men killed in any Federal brigade. Known as the "Gray Horse Battery," the 1st Vermont Battery served with distinction in the southern theater of the War. These units are who the VT Civil War Hemlocks honor today.

About the Sixth NH Volunteers:

The Sixth New Hampshire Vols. Co.C is a Non Profit civil war reenacting organization representing the men who served in the 6th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers during the American Civil War of 1861-1865. Our organization was founded in 1988 and has steadily grown into one of the most significant Reenacting organizations in the hobby today. We are based primarily out of Northern NJ, but we have members that range from upstate N.Y. to North Carolina. Today we are the premier Civil War reenacting regiment of the Mid-Atlantic and the ONLY group representing the 6th New Hampshire Vols fully endorsed and recognized to be Authentic reenactors of the 6th New Hampshire regiment by the Family of the regiment's original commander Simon G. Griffin, Brig General 6th reg. N.H.V. We are a progressive unit that strives for Authenticity in our appearance as well as civil war drill and camp life. We are proud members of the United States Volunteers (USV) and we participate in numerous battle reenactments, parades and living history demonstrations in the North East.

About the 12th NH 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. 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.

Much of the music the band plays is directly from the band books of the 3rd and 4th New Hampshire regiment bands, the Manchester Cornet Band, the 25th Massachusetts regiment, and the most famous Confederate band, the 26th North Carolina Regiment Band. Information is also available at <http://www.12thnhserenadeband.org>.