

North East monument honors legacy of local Revolutionary War veteran

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A new monument in North East now honors a local Revolutionary War patriot whose legacy dates back more than two centuries.

Community members gathered to dedicate a monument recognizing Revolutionary War veteran Jesse Belnap and his contributions to the region.

The Belnap Family Organization hosted the dedication, bringing together descendants, local historians, veterans' groups and community members.

The ceremony began at Herd Park in North East before moving to Phillips Cemetery, where the new monument now stands in honor of Belnap's service during the American Revolution.

"Well I'm excited, it's bringing back the history, getting everybody together, connecting with people from all over the country. It's a great experience," said Larry Julian, president of the Belnap Family Organization.

Members said they hope the monument serves as a lasting reminder of the sacrifices made by those who helped shape the nation's history.

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