

Eagle to dedicate new Veterans Memorial on Saturday

Boy Scout's project expands original memorial

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EAGLE— The Eagle Historical Society will host a dedication ceremony for a new Veterans Memorial Saturday.

The ceremony will celebrate the completion of the memorial commissioned two years ago by an Eagle-area Boy Scout.

Scout John Rosno volunteered at the Eagle Historical Society Museum as a boy, said museum curator Elaine Ledrowski, and returned years later wanting to partner with the museum for his Eagle Scout Service Project.

Ledrowski believes Rosno "always had a soft place for the historical society" because of the time he spent there as a child.

At first, Rosno desired to create a wooden reproduction of an old "Roll of Honor" that listed citizens of Eagle who had gone to war.

But when he asked local business UPI Manufacturing for support, the company "told him they could do better" than simply help remake the original wooden structure, Ledrowski recounted.

With UPI's help, Rosno expanded the scale and scope of his project. He soon garnered massive local support: businesses offered donations, sponsors, and supplies to aid in building the memorial.

The recently completed memorial, standing on the



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The new Veterans Memorial at the Eagle Historical Society Museum.



Old Roll of Honor in the Eagle Village Square during World War I.

grounds of the Historical Society, is comprised of three engraved stainless steel panels, three flagpoles, stone benches, and a walkway of sponsored bricks.

Two sections of the memorial feature the names of every World War I and World War II veteran from Eagle, while the third panel displays each military branch's seal.

Ledrowski said the dedication ceremony is as much a testament to the strength and cohesiveness of the Eagle community as it is a chance to commemorate the town's



John Hall, professor of military history at UW-Madison, will speak at the dedication ceremony for the new memorial Saturday.

members of the military.

"This is for the community, and it is to honor veterans and the people serving our country today," she said.

The dedication will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday at

217 Main St. in Eagle.

John Hall, a graduate of Palmyra-Eagle High School, will be the guest speaker.

Hall is a professor of military history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has conducted extensive research on early American wars, and has attended and taught at West Point Military Academy.

The Kettle Moraine Blues will provide music for the program and the reception afterward, where refreshments will be served.

The Historical Society asks that attendees bring their own chairs.