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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

✔ Monument ____*with* Sculpture ✔ without Sculpture ___ with *Cannon* ____ standalone Cannon
___ Historical Marker ✔ Plaque ___ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Affiliation

✔ GAR ____ MOLLUS ____ SUVCW ✔ WRC ____ ASUVCW
____ LGAR ____ DUVCW ____ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Original Dedication Date 14 JUN 1914 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:
Street/Road address or site location Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Grand Avenue
GPS Coordinates 32.767826N -097.348102W
City/Village &/or Township Fort Worth
County Tarrant State TX Zip Code 76164

The front of the Memorial faces: ___ North ___ South ___ East ✔ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Dept./Div. c/o Department of Texas/ EE Ellsworth Camp 18
Street Address 1406 Westglen Drive
City Sachse State Texas Zip Code 75048
Contact Person Charles W.Ssprague, PDC Telephone (214) 908-2171 ext ____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ___Yes ✔ No ID # if known ____

For Monuments with/without sculpture:
Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ✔ Stone ____ Concrete ____ Metal ____ Other
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) ____

Material of the Sculpture ____ Stone ____ Concrete ____ Metal ____ Other Is it hollow or solid? ____
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) ____

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For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Copper metal based on patina color.

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____Iron Type of Cannon (if known) N/A

Rifled ____YES ____ NO

Markings: Muzzle_____ Base Ring/Breech_____

Left Trunion_____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____No

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial Monument with polished and engraved face on base of same material.

Materials of the Memorial Red Granite monument and base with copper plaques (based on the patina color)

Complete for All Memorials

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

_____Height _____Width _____Depth or _____Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

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WOMEN'S RELIEF

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POST NO. 4

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1861-1865

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Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

✔ Cemetery ___ Park ___ Plaza/Courtyard ___ "Town Square" ___ Post Office
___ School ___ Municipal Building ___ State Capitol ___ Courthouse ___ College Campus
___ Traffic Circle ___ Library Other: _____

General Vicinity

___ Rural (low population, open land) ✔ Suburban (residential, near city) ___ Town ___ Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Street/Roadside within 20 feet ___ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
____ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors) ___ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor _____

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment.

Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions.*

Thank you.

Inspector Identification Date of On-site Survey 28 FEB 2020
Your Name Charles W. Sprague, PDC
Address _____
City Sachse State TX Zip Code _____
Telephone ( ) _____ E-Mail [redacted]

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?
SUVCW, Department of Texas, E.E. Elliston Camp #18

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair
1240 Konert Valley Dr.
Fenton, MO 63026
[redacted]

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions.*

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (Look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	_____	_____
White crusting	_____	_____
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	_____	_____
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	_____	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	_____	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____

Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...

_____

_____

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? _____Yes ___✔___No _____ Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? _____Yes _____ No _____Unable to determine
If known, identify type of coating.
_____ Gilded _____ Painted _____ Varnished _____ Waxed _____ Unable to determine
Is the coating in good condition? ___Yes ___ No ___ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)
In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?
___✔___ Well maintained ____ Would benefit from treatment ____ In urgent need of treatment ___ Unable to determine

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .
GAR/WRC granite shaft that appears to be in good condition; i.e., no obvious damage, chipping, cracks on a plot that may have one unmarked interment.

Inspector's Name Charles W. Sprague, PDC Date 22 MAY 2020

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT

[Small Plaque]: "Presented by the National Women's Relief Corps, June 27, 1927"

[Large plaque]
"General Order No. 11
Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

1. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,--the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

2. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

3. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Command of--

John A. Logan
Commander-in-Chief

N. P. Chipman
Adjutant General

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Long Description:
There are not a lot of GAR chapters in this part of Texas, which was pretty overwhelmingly Confederate. In fact, a small Confederate Cemetery is just a few sections away from this dignified Texas red granite monument.

The monument was erected by the Women's Relief Corps and Parlmy Post Number 4. the Women's Relief Corps was the official women's auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. GAR membership was limited to male Union veterans of the Civil War. In modern times, WRC is the auxiliary for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the successor organization to the GAR, formed in 1881 in recognition that GAR membership would inevitably decline as its members aged and died. The last GAR member died in 1956.

See here for more on the WRC and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: (visit link)

This red granite memorial stands in Sec 103 of Oakwood Cemetery, near the Trinity River, it reads as follows:

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Beneath the red granite monument, a bronze plaque in concrete has been placed with General Logan's Memorial day order of May 5, 1868. That plaque reads as follows:

[small plaque]

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[Large plaque]

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III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:
JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant-General."
Date Installed or Dedicated: 7/26/1927

Name of Government Entity or Private Organization that built the monument: Women's Relief Corps

Union, Confederate or Other Monument: Union

Rating (1-5): ★★★★★

Related Website: [Web Link]

Photo or photos will be uploaded.: yes

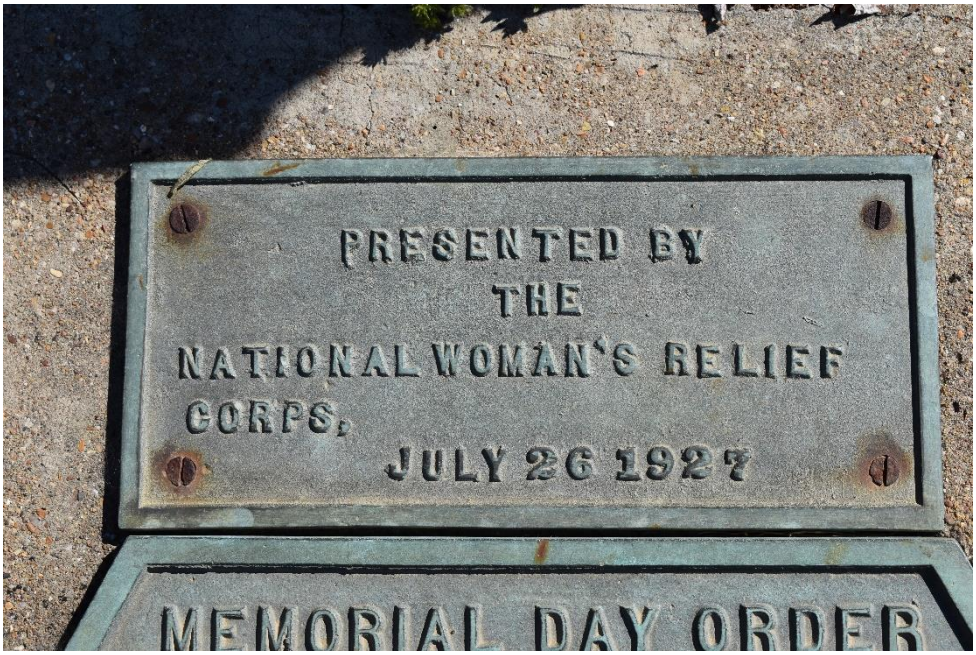
GAR/WRC Monument, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas, west elevation.

GAR/WRC Monument, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas, south elevation.

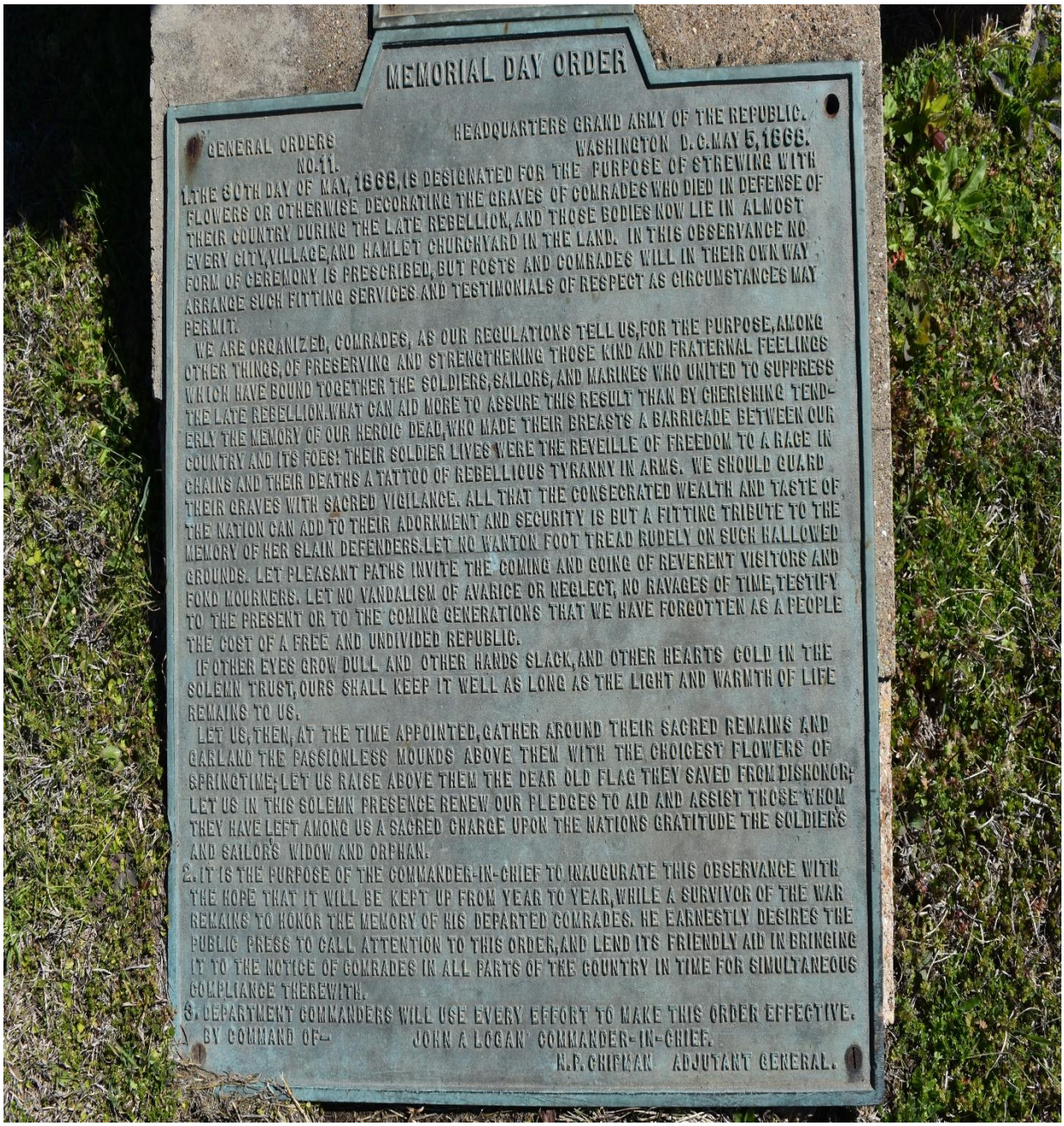
GAR/WRC Monument, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas, east elevation.

GAR/WRC Monument, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas, north elevation.

GAR/WRC Monument, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas, view of GAR plot looking eastward. Arrow indicates possible unmarked burial. No known interments otherwise.



GAR/WRC Monument, Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas, plaque inscription on west elevation.



GAR/WRC Monument, Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas, plaque inscription: Memorial Day Order, General Orders No 11, Headquarters Grand Army of the republic, Washington, DC, May 5, 1868.

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SHAFT DEDICATED TO G. A. R. VETERANS AND RELIEF CORPS

Members of Two Organizations Join in Services Held at West Oakwood Cemetery Sunday Afternoon.

MRS. JACK DELIVERS UNVEILING ADDRESS

Graves of Veterans of the Civil War Are Decorated and Taps Blown as Mark of Respect to Heroes of Lost Cause.

A beautiful tribute was paid to the memory of the departed veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of the Women's Relief corps on Sunday afternoon when the marble shaft erected by the local posts of G. A. R. and Women's Relief corps was unveiled in West Oakwood cemetery with appropriate ceremonies.

Members of the two organizations left the court house on large trucks at 2 p. m and the exercises at the cemetery were under the direction of Parmly post No. 4, G. A. R. and the members of the Women's Relief corps.

Tribute to Veterans.

In his dedicatory address Rev. E. E. Gordon, pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist church, paid a beautiful tribute to the men who shouldered their guns and marched away to war and the women who remained at home to work and pray for the soldiers at the front. He declared that the world would never know greater heroes than those of the civil war, and spoke of the freedom that has come to America through the blood and sacrifice of our patriots. "When a German wants to come to a better country than his own, he comes to America," said the speaker, "when an Englishman wants to come to a better country than his own, he comes to America, when a Spaniard wants to come to a better country than his own, he comes to America, and when a Frenchman wants to come to a better country than his own, he comes to America, because here he finds greater freedom than anywhere else in the world."

Rev. Mr. Gordon closed with the wish that our flag would ever continue to float over young men just as brave as those who have gone before.

Unveiling Address.

In a few appropriate remarks Mrs. Hattie Jack delivered the unveiling address, following which the stars and stripes were removed from the monument.

In the absence of H. W. Nye, who was largely instrumental in securing the funds with which to erect the monument, Dr. E. P. Brown read a paper on "The Object for Which the Monument Stands." The post service was led by I. W. Rouse, commander. The assembly and taps were blown by Earle Shue, scout bugler of troop No. 1, Boy Scouts.

The inscription on the monument reads as follows: "Erected by the Women's Relief Corps and Parmly Post No. 4 in Memory of the Union Soldiers of the Civil War, 1861-1865," and below the letters "G. A. R." Besides the slab a flag pole stands on the lot and two oak trees overhang the slab. Several graves were decorated following the service.

OPEN AIR SERVICE IS WELL ATTENDED

Large crowds attending the service of the First Methodist church Sunday night at the Airdome at Seventh and Throckmorton streets. Dr. John Rice preached on "Shadows," explaining how every man carried a shadow with him through life that he could not get away from, which was nothing less than the influence he had on other lives, as well as his own, whether his influence was conscious or unconscious. The night services will be continued to be held in the open air throughout the summer.

A choir of young people directed by Prof. James F. Roach furnished the singing. The Epworth leagues acted as ushers.

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G. A. R. Monument Unveiled In West Oakwood Cemetery

No More
Household
Drudgery
On Mondays
Family Washing

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