

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

Type of Memorial

Monument *with* Sculpture Monument with Cannon
 Monument *without* Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) M.O.L.L.U.S.
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. _____) Other Allied Order
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 Other: Veterans Administration

Original Dedication Date 1889 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 South Mitchell Blvd. on VA Grounds
 City/Village Milwaukee Township Milwaukee County Milwaukee

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name Zablocki VA Medical Center Dept./Div. Veterans Administration
 Street Address 5006 W. National Avenue
 City Milwaukee State WI Zip Code 53295
 Contact Person Mr. Glen Grippen Telephone (414) 384-

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

Physical Details

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

Material of the Sculpture = ___ Stone ___ Concrete ___ Metal ___ Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Wood Frame
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = None

Material of Cannon = ___ Bronze ___ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = _____

Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? ___ If so, describe _____

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

Monument or Base: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue 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 None

The "Dedication Text" is formed: ___ cut into material ___ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | Other: <u>VA Historic</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | <u>District</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

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 _____

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


Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on)
The Milwaukee Soldiers Home Chapel was built in 1889, at a cost of \$9,317.85, which was donated by the veterans at the Home. This makes it unique as a worship place on a federal installation. Structure is sound. Chapel needs new roof and exterior restoration. Cleaning and replastering interior needed. A new furnace has yet to be installed.
The wooden frame chapel is in need of some TLC.

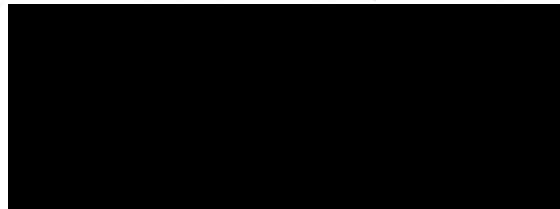
Supplemental Background Information

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. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 27 July 2005 - 10 Dec 2005
Your Name PC in C Stephen A. Michaels
Address 6623 S. North Cape Rd City Franklin
State WI Zip Code 53132-1227 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
National Civil War Memorials Committee

A Most Interesting House of Worship

Every Sunday many visitors from Milwaukee and vicinity attend the services in this chapel. You are cordially invited to worship here.

Do you know these interesting facts concerning our Soldiers Home Chapel?



IN no other house of worship in Milwaukee or in the entire state of Wisconsin and in only a few, if indeed any, in the entire United States, have clergymen of so many different religious groups at various times offered prayer and conducted services, each according to his own faith and customs, in the same chancel, as in the National Soldiers Home Chapel, on the western edge of Milwaukee.

In this chapel and in the same chancel, at various times, Catholic archbishops, Protestant Episcopal bishops, Greek Orthodox clergymen, Jewish rabbis, Catholic and Protestant clergymen and ordained chaplains in the service of the United States government have conducted religious services. In addition to Catholic masses and Protestant services every Sunday there have been at various times baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals. At no time, during all of the fifty-three years since its erection, has any part of this chapel or any room in it been used for any other than religious services.

The chapel has a most unusual and interesting history. While it is owned by the United States government, the government did not provide the funds for its erection. It was paid for by funds saved by former soldiers, most of them Civil war veterans, who passed away while at the soldiers home here, but who left no heirs or anyone who had a legal claim to their savings. These funds became part of what was called the "soldiers fund" and this fund paid for the erection of the chapel. The first services were conducted Sunday, Sept. 22, 1889.

The chapel in its style of architecture, both its exterior and its interior, and in all its appointments and furnishings, conforms to ecclesiastical good taste. Its seating capacity is between 350 and 400. It has a large chancel, with altar, lectern and communion rail. The old pipe-organ was recently replaced with the latest type organ. There are many memorial windows of stained glass, including three representing Biblical characters. The latter are over the altar. The exterior has a steeple and bell and surmounting the steeple there is a cross. On either side of the altar there is a sacristy, one for each chaplain.

Sunday morning services at the Soldiers Home Chapel are as follows: Holy Mass, 5:20 a.m. and 8:10 a.m., Rev. Eustace F. Brennan, Catholic chaplain; Divine worship and sermon, 10 a.m., Sunday school, 11 a.m., Rev. Gustav Stearns, Protestant chaplain. Both Catholic and Protestant services are broadcast every Sunday to the patients in the two hospitals and one of the domiciliary companies where beds are equipped with 1,560 individual headsets or earphones and the broadcast also reaches all the other domiciliary companies by means of loud speakers in the hallway of each company.

It is against government regulations to pass around a collection plate at any of the services. Both chaplains are appointed by and receive full time salaries from the U. S. government and both of them reside on the reservation. For providing music at the Sunday services a professional organist and eight professional, trained choristers, receive part time salaries from the government, but do not reside on the reservation. Four of the choristers sing at the Catholic services and four at the Protestant services. The organist plays the organ at both Catholic and Protestant services on Sundays. The organist and director is Elizabeth Tucker Burdick. The Catholic choristers are: Clementine Malek, Aileen B. Lazar, Frank J. Schmerda, Jr., and David E. Davies. The Protestant choristers are: Josephine Bolte, Rose C. Deutsch, Richard M. Port, and Albert Rostkowski. The substitutes are: Marie Truitt, James H. Davies, and Richard F. Hoffman.

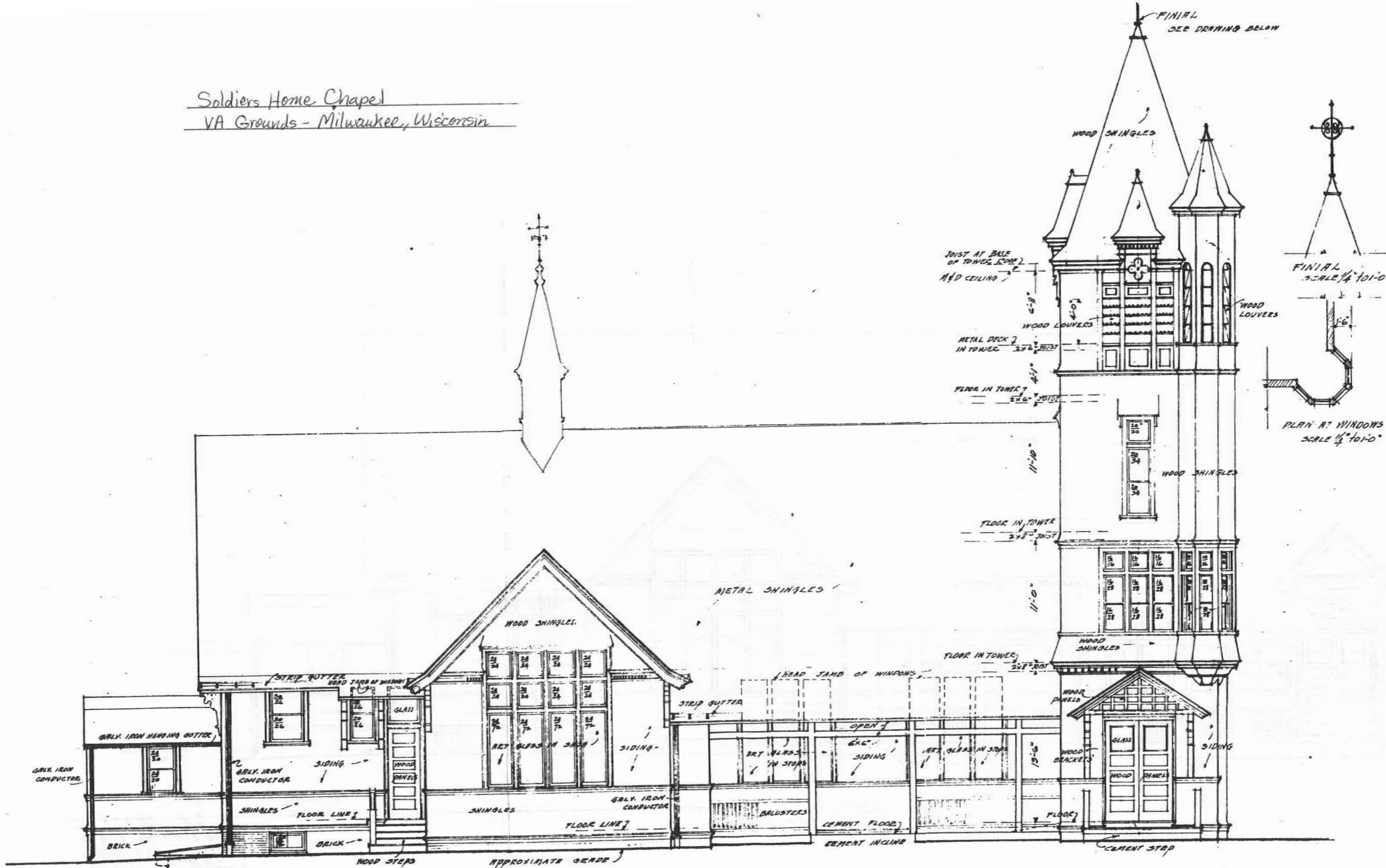
This chapel has the only flag collection in the world which is mentioned in the World Almanac for 1942, published in New York. Flags which have actually been procured in 103 foreign countries are in this collection. All of the flags are kept in the chapel flag-chest except flags which have come from any of the United Nations. These latter flags are now hanging on display in the chapel, and they will be up for the duration. The other flags will be kept for historical purposes and as soon as the present war is over all of the 103 flags will again be displayed in the chapel.

Before the chapel was erected religious services were conducted in the large main building now used as a domiciliary barracks for Companies No. 1 to No. 5. There are 92 buildings on the 440 acre reservation where the chapel is located. The reservation and all of the buildings are the property of the U. S. government and is a Veterans Administration Facility. It is the third largest of 93 similar institutions owned by the government. This facility alone has accommodations for 3,226 American war veterans, including 1,170 in the 2 hospitals and 2,056 in the domiciliary barracks. The mail address is, Wood, Wis.

The Rev. Victor Putten conducted Catholic services and the Rev. Charles Mallory conducted Protestant services in the old main building before the erection of the chapel. Since the erection of the chapel, in 1889, the following have served as Catholic chaplains: Revs. Victor Putten, Fr. Lieb, Adrian Hayden, Michael Huston, George C. Eilers, Francis A. Finnigan, Paul F. Lipscomb and Eustace F. Brennan. The latter is the Catholic chaplain at the present time. During that same period the following have served as Protestant chaplains: Revs. Richmond Babbitt, E. Purdin Wright, Judson Titsworth, Alexander R. Thain, Myron G. Argus, Charles S. Vail, Delphos L. Berry, and Gustav Stearns. The latter is the Protestant chaplain at the present time.

As far as is known this is the first time a complete list of the chaplains who served either before or after the erection of the chapel has been submitted for publication. The list has been procured through the kindly assistance of Mrs. Emma Bohmann, who was organist in the chapel for fifty years and who has since passed away.

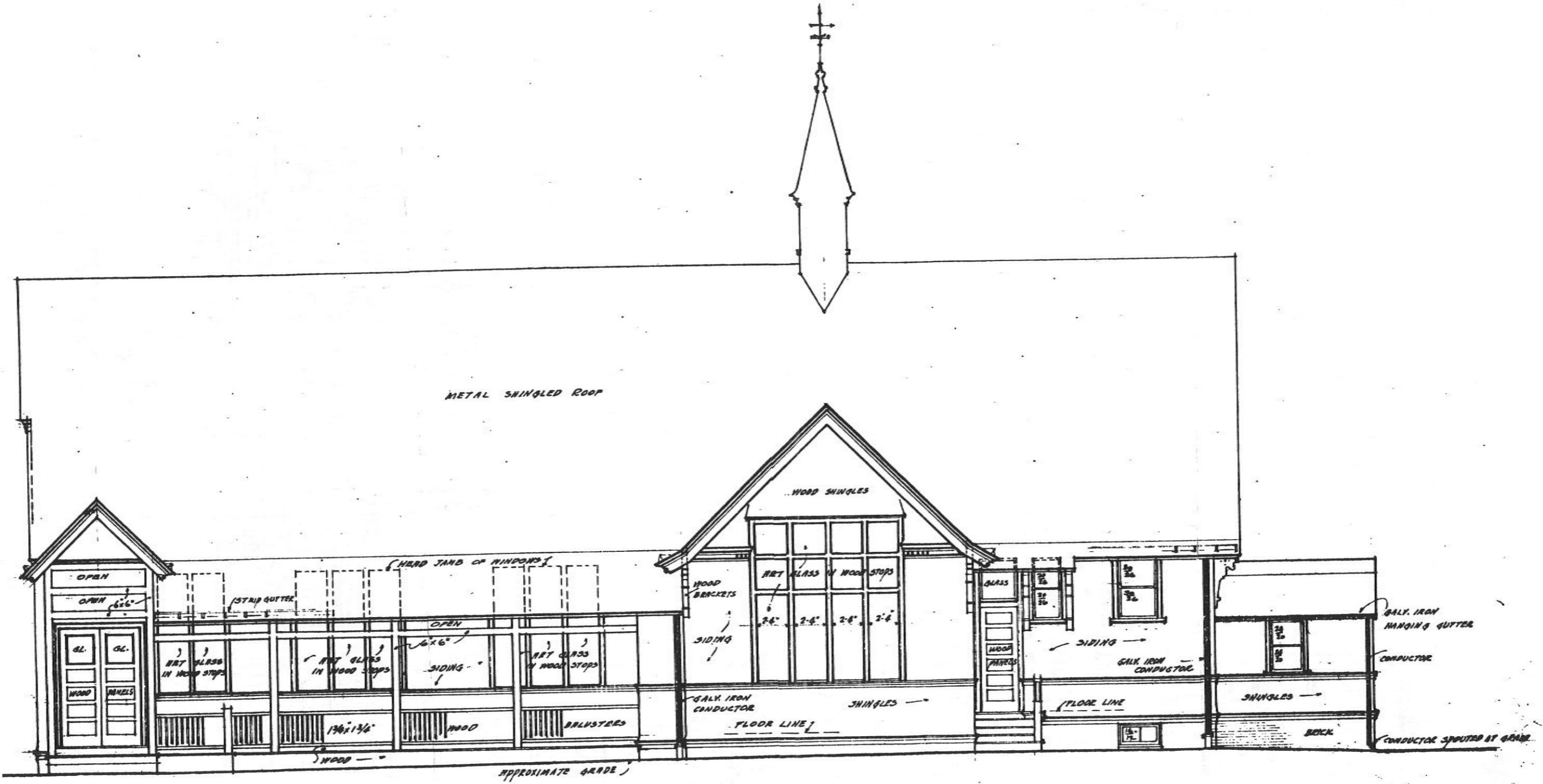
Soldiers Home Chapel
VA Grounds - Milwaukee, Wisconsin



SOUTH ELEVATION -
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

BUILDING NO 12 AS 131.

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C.O. 12-54
SOUTH ELEVATION BLDG NO 12



NORTH ELEVATION: BUILDING NO 12 AS 15
SCALE 1/4" TO 1'-0"

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C.O. 12-55

NORTH ELEVATION, BLDG
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WOOD BRANCH, WIS.
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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM # 62)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME Ck. Pie Badger Camp, Dept. of Wis
(Please print or type)

ADDRESS 4623 S North Caye Rd

CITY Franklin

STATE WI ZIP CODE 53132-1221

NAME OF CONTACT: P.O. Stephen A Michaels

ADDRESS: (Same as above)

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: Soldiers Home Chapel

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location of description, such as corner of 3rd and Lincoln)

South Mitchell Blvd on VA Grounds

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1884

WHO OWNS IT: Veterans Administration

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: Veterans Administration

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: No FROM WHERE _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE yes FROM WHERE _____

Bradley Foundation

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED 1500

DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use back if necessary)

Funds will be used to replace roof and repair fallen plaster inside chapel.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS:

C.M. Kiker Construction has submitted bid. Other bids are being accepted.

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS:

A contractor has yet to be chosen. Bids are being prepared for review.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: Soldiers Home Foundation.

Memorial Monument will soon be w/ a name - T. K. Kiker