

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Dept. of California & Pacific



Civil War Memorial Assessment Form
(Form CWM #61)

Used for periodic assessments of the condition of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and Civil War memorials in the Department of California & Pacific, SUVCW (includes California, Nevada and Hawaii)

For more information please go to:
<http://www.suvcw.org/memorials.html>

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

10" RODMAN CANNON @ LOS ALAMITOS NAT GUARD HQ.

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: CA NATIONAL GUARD

Original Dedication Date _____ 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: CA NAT. GUARD HQ. BUILDING. ENTRANCE
 Street/Road address or site location 4480 YORKTOWN AVE.-
 City/Village LOS ALAMITOS township _____ County ORANGE

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 CA 40th INF DIV. MECH Dept./Div. CA NATIONAL GUARD
 Street Address 4480 YORKTOWN AVE.
 City LOS ALAMITOS State CA Zip Code 90720-5001
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (562) 795-2460

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.) APPEARS TO BE CAST IRON OR STEEL

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = NA

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = SBF #40 CB 1877 16010 lbs.
Markings on Left Trunion NONE Right Trunion NONE
Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? No If so, describe _____

ALL I COULD READ *

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
RAISED INSCRIPTION: "KEEP OFF STATE PROPERTY"

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.

NONE

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 | X Other: <u>STEPS @</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | <u>ENTRANCE TO</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <u>HQ BUILDING</u> |

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 ON STATE / FEDERAL
PROPERTY OWNED BY GOVT.

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)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
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)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
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)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		

CANNON HAS HEAVY LAYERS OF BLACK PAINT

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).

CANNON IS WELL MAINTAINED -
IT IS OPEN TO ELEMENTS. THERE ARE NO PLAQUES
OR HISTORICAL REFERENCES ANY WHERE AS TO ITS
HISTORY. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THIS COULD BE
SUPPLIED & MOUNTED NEAR IT.

Supplemental Background Information

NONE FOUND ANYWHERE

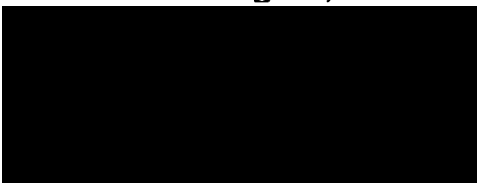
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation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

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey JAN. 25, 2005
 Your Name FLOYD FARRAR
 Address 12550 E. CARSON ST. #59 City HAWAIIAN GARDENS
 State CA Zip Code 90716-2014 Telephone [REDACTED]

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PCC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

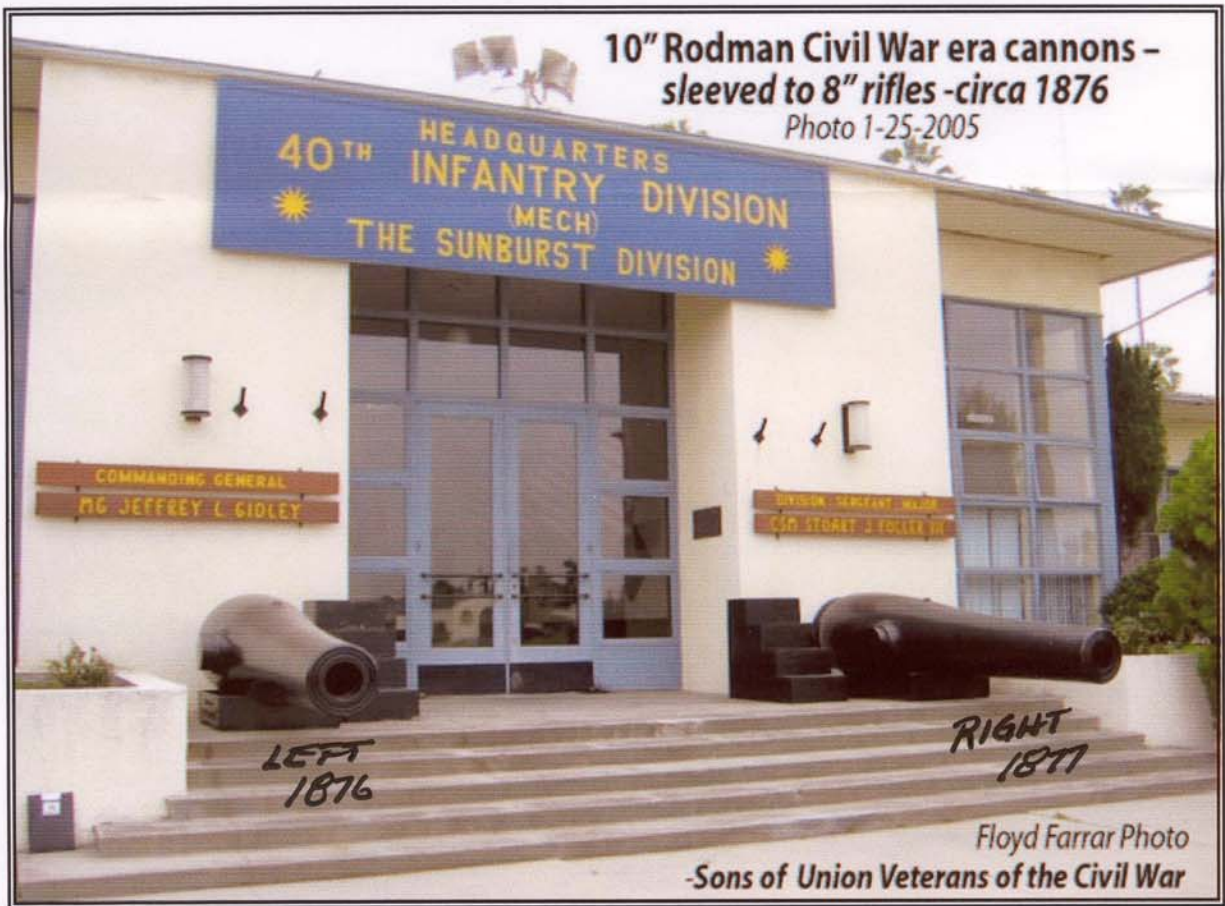
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 National Civil War Memorials Committee



Rodman Guns on Steps of CA Nat Guard Hq
Los Alamitos CA

7-18-2002

Floyd Farrar



10" Rodman Civil War era cannons -
sleeved to 8" rifles -circa 1876

Photo 1-25-2005

LEFT
1876

RIGHT
1871

Floyd Farrar Photo

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Photos of the Civil War Era Rodman Cannons CA Nat Guard HQ Los Alamitos

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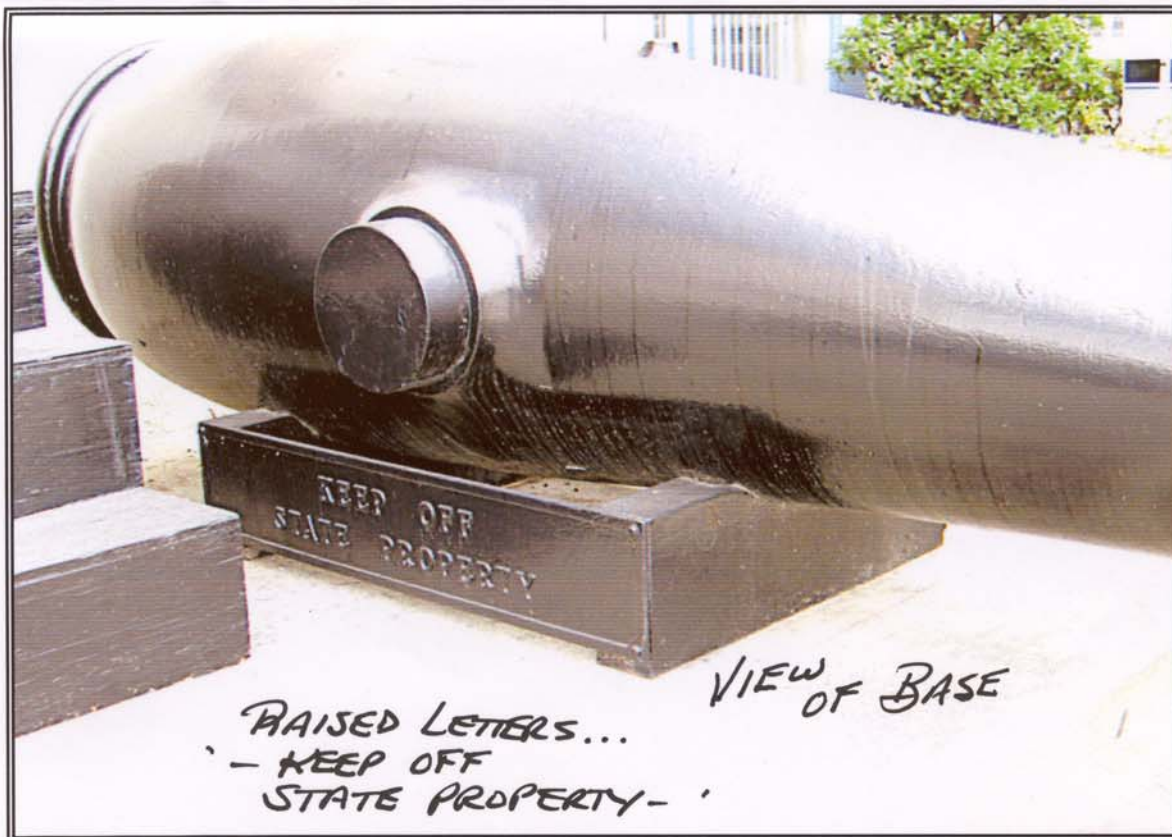
Rodman Gun
Right side of steps
@CA Nat Guard Hq
Los Alamitos CA
Orange County

Barrel markings on 8" sleeve
end have a heavy layer of black
paint and are hard to read

I could only make out
around sleeve ...
"SBF #40 16010 lbs 1877 CB"

Floyd Farrar Photo

Recheck date: 1-25-2005



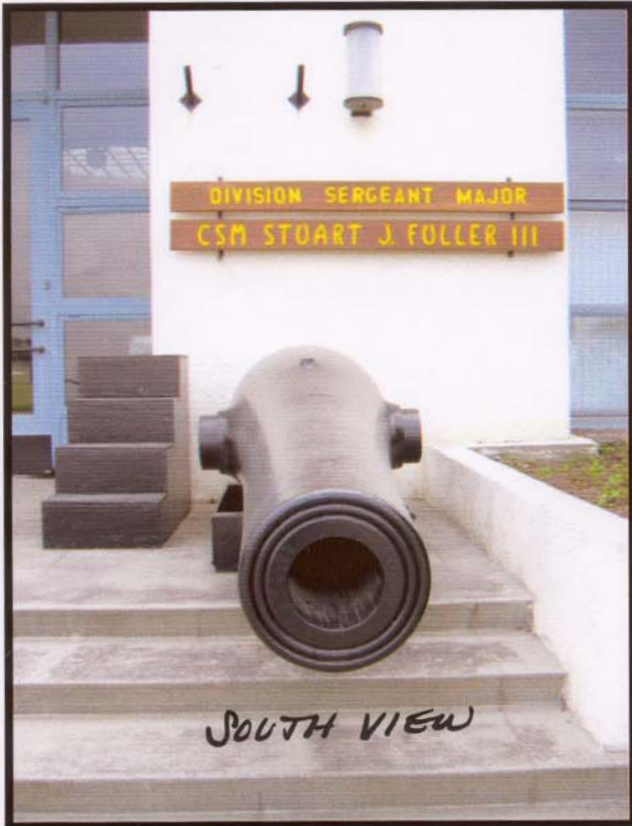
VIEW OF BASE

RAISED LETTERS...
- KEEP OFF
STATE PROPERTY -

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LOS ALAMITOS NAT GUARD HQ. 8" SLEEVED ROOMMAN'S
CANNON ON RIGHT SIDE - OF STAIRS



SOUTH VIEW



NORTH VIEW



WEST VIEW



So EAST VIEW

ALL PHOTOS \nearrow

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2/17/2005

Charles Beal

Jack Fisher Park Cannon

From: Charles Beal [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2001 9:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Artillery Piece History

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Roosevelt <[REDACTED]>
To: Wayne Stark <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mike Quigley <[REDACTED]>, Linn Hoadley <[REDACTED]>
Paul Gillette <civilpa@[REDACTED]>, Gordon Bricken <[REDACTED]>
<IMN2ROT@[REDACTED]>, charles beal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2001 8:28 PM
Subject: Re: Artillery Piece History

> Wayne:
> Thank you very much for your most helpful information. We'll take another
> look at the Fisher Park 32-pounder to see if we can come up with the Roman
> numerals. On the chance that the Post Returns for Fort Winfield Scott
> might
> provide some information, I ordered that microfilm from NARA; but it
> sounds
> like the Quarterly Battery Reports was where the answers were.
>
> Thanks again for your help.
> Sincerely,
> Glen Roosevelt

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Wayne Stark" <[REDACTED]>
> To: "Glen Roosevelt" <[REDACTED]>
> Sent: Monday, May 07, 2001 3:07 PM
> Subject: Re: Artillery Piece History

>
> > Glen,
> >
> > You correctly identified both tubes.
> >
> > The only error I noted is that the number under the knob of the
> > 32-pdr is "7485" (not 1485), the weight of the gun. We use either the
> > terms
> > "agglutinated" or "conjoined" to describe the manner in which the "W"
> > and
> > "P" in West Point Foundry's initials share a common leg on the older
> > cannons
> > made there. Another mark that has been reported on the 32-pdr is
> > "LXVII"
> > which may be its roman numeral foundry number. WPF used this method to
> > mark
> > foundry numbers up to about 1843, but the number is usually found on the
> > side of the knob, usually on the right side. I would appreciate knowing
> > if
> > this number is as reported and if it is on the breech. If so, is there
> > another roman numeral on the side of the knob?
> >
> > The 10-inch Rodman was sleeved at South Boston Foundry, the
> > later
> > name of Alger's business. All the markings you found on the muzzle are
> > later markings put on at the time the sleeve was installed in 1877 (The
> > inspector "C.B." was Cullen Bryant, but I don't know his rank at that
> > time.
> > If you look at 12 o'clock on the right rimbase (you may have to scrape
> > some
> > paint off), you will find the number "2233." This is the original

foundry
>> number placed there when the original 10-in Rodman was cast by Cyrus Alger
>> Co. in 1866. It was originally Registry No.155, inspected by Lt. James Gilchrist Benton on 7 December 1866, and its original weight was 15120#.

If
>> you scrape some paint off at the 12 o'clock position on the left rimbase.
>> you may find a marking like "CA R155" or something like that. They usually,
>> but not always, marked information that provides the original identity at

>> this location. Rarely are there any markings found on Rodmans; however, depending on where they were sleeved to 8-in rifles, there is sometimes some very small letters identifying them as sleeved to 8-in rifles. There are two more just like this one at the National Guard Armory (40th Inf Div HQ)

in Los Alamitos.

I have no documents or microfilms that provide the service

history of these two cannon. Unfortunately, the quarterly battery reports from that era were deemed unimportant by some moron at the National Archives and destroyed in the 1950s.

I list a total of 132 surviving Civil War cannons in California, many in the LA area. You may have already seen the Revere Napoleon that was reported to me as in the LA National Cemetery. My understanding is that the muzzle face has been polished smooth, and the only readable marking is foundry number "313" on the right rimbase.

I hope this helps.

Wayne Stark

----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Glen [REDACTED]"
>> To: <starkg [REDACTED]>
>> Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2001 9:11 PM
>> Subject: Artillery Piece History

>>> Dear Mr. Stark:

>>> Our group of local Civil War enthusiasts here in Orange County, California is considering the preservation, renovation, and possible rededication of a couple of pre-Civil War or Civil War era artillery pieces. We wonder if you might be able to help us with some historical information on these pieces, if you already have it in your registry or database. We are novices at identification, and we are relying on information from your excellent website to help us.

>>> 1. Appears to be a Model 1829 32-Pounder Seacoast Gun. It is located in a

FROM MAY 7, 2001
THIS EXPLAINS WHY THERE IS LITTLE OR NO INFO ON THE LOS AL RODMANS... THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. I AM AT DEAD ENDS EVERYWHERE. NO FEED BACK FROM ANY SOURCES -
SORRY -
Floyd Farran
2/17/05
MY RESEARCH ON THESE TWO ENDS -