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# NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

## CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

## **PLEASE:**

- 1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- 2. 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 xxx Plaque  Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
Affiliation
G.A.R. (Post Name & No) M.O.L.L.U.S
SUVCW (Camp Name & No) (Please describe below)
WRC (Corps Name & No)
ASUVCW (Aux Name & No)
DUVCW (Tent Name & No)
LGAR (Circle Name & No)
Other
Original Dedication Date Unknown Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the <i>first</i> dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy or your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.  Location The Memorial is <i>currently</i> located at: Street/Road address or site location Pine Hollow Cemetery, 200 Pine Hollow Road
City/Village Oyster Bay Township Oyster Bay County Nassau
State New York .
The front of the Memorial faces: North South _xxx East West  Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)  Name _Hood AME Zion Church
Dept./Div.
Street Address 11 Summit Street City
Oyster Bay State NY Zip Code 11771 Contact Person
Telephone ( ) (516) 650-9839
If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s).

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# **Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpt name specific material (color of grani	ure or Cannon =Stone Concret te, marble, etc.) White plactic	e Metal Undetermined If known
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Material of the Sculpture = Stor If known, name specific material (cold If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid	or of granite, marble, etc.)	
Material of Plaque or Historical Mar	ker / Tablet = White plastic	<del></del>
Material of Cannon =Bronze Markings on muzzle =	_Iron - Consult known Ordnand	e Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle =		
Is inert ammunition a part of the Me	emorial? If so, describe _	
Approximate Dimensions (indicate Monument or Base: Height 12"   Width Width		
For Memorials with multiple Sculptu for each statue and attach to this fo weapons/implements involved (in ca	rm. Please describe the "pose"	of each statue and any
Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-w Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If		
The "Dedication Text" is formed: ××	× cut into material raised u	p from material face
Record the text (indicate any separat Civil War Soldiers interred at Pine Hollow Cemetery	ion if on different sides) Please u	se additional sheet if necessary.
William Bolden born 1837-1903, GAR 31st USCT David	Carll born 1845-1910, GAR 26th USCT William	Cisco born 1835-1905, 20th USCT
James H. James born 1840-1940, GAR William H. W	hite GAR Simon Rapalyea 1828-1908 20th US	CT
	USCT Thomas Valentine born 1823 26th USCT tchell born 1845 31st USCT	- 
Environmental Setting (The general vicinity and immediate locale su Type of Location	rrounding a memorial can play a major r	ole in its overall condition.)
<ul><li>XXX Cemetery</li><li>"Town Square"</li><li>Municipal Building</li><li>Courthouse</li></ul>	Park Post Office State Capitol College Campus	Plaza/Courtyard School Other:
Traffic Circle	Library	

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General Vicinity  Rural (low population, open land) Town	Suburban (residen Urban / Metropolita	
Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)  Industrial _xxx_ Commercial  Street/Roadside within 20 feet Tree Covered (or Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, index 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 including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually 6	sculpture and its base can	be detected by a
	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 gro	owth)	
Any broken or missing parts?  (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc mis	esing ——	
due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	ssirig	
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?  (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	al)	
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)	<del></del>	<del></del>
Chalky or powdery stone		
Granular eroding of stone	<del></del>	<del></del>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)		
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)		
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe  Plaque is in excellent condition		
		<del></del>
Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?	Yes <u>xxx</u> No Unable	to tell

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Surface Coating
Does there appear to be a coating? Yes _xxx 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? XXX 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) .
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 Your Name Christopher Shand Address 1854 Old Mill Road City Merrick State NY Zip Code 11566 Telephone (
What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, SUVCW
Please send this completed form to
Walt Busch PDC Chair

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. Sons of Union  $\boldsymbol{V}$ 

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

# Bringing respect to the forgotten

Segregation left black vets buried in scattered sites

In the days before Memorial Day's pause to remember the graves of America's war dead, James K. Green, 79, trudged among weathered tombstones that dot a tree-shaded hillside outside of Cold Spring Harbor, and pointed to the graves of black Givil War soldiers buried there during the long era of segregated military graveyards.

Most of the names cannot be read on the ancient tombstones, which jut akimbo from the earth. One exception is that of David Cardl, a Union Army private who was shot through the lungs while serving with the 26th United States Colored Infantry, but who lived to raise a family 200 yards from where he is buried. The other stones are mostly unidentified, except for the cast-iron five-pointed stars that designated the graves of Union soldiers after the Civil War.

Green is one of a dedicated group who tends these graves and others like them in tucked-away locations scattered across Long Island, saying it is important to honor all those who served their country, and to counter the forces of time and segregation that conspired to erase some names from the pages of history.

"Almost everyone from Oyster Bay served in the military, and their graves need to be taken care of," said Green, a member of Oyster Bay's Hood AME Zion Church, whose dwindling congregation cares for the Pine Hollow Cemetery. "My church has only 40 members, but we try to keep it looking good."

"There are a lot of World War II veterans who were buried here, but a lot of them we don't know because we lost the records," said Green, who served in the Marines in the late 1950s and goes by "JK."

"There was segregation then, so they were buried here."



For much of America's history, black war veterans were largely overlooked on Memorial Day because the nation's military cemeteries — including Arlington National — were mostly segregated until after World War II. Black families often refused to bury loved ones in the few segregated sections they were offered, choosing instead to bring their veterans back to local church graveyards or private family plots.

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Segregated cemeteries

As America's military cemeteries grew swiftly in the late 1860s, to accommodate the hundreds of thousands who served in the Civil War, War Department cemetery records show that burial-ground sections were often designated as "white" or "colored," an informal policy that survived into the late 1940s.

Segregated military cemeteries became widespread even though it was never explicitly mandated in military regulations, according to Jennifer M. Perunko, a historian for the National Cemetery Administration.

"Segregation followed from local traditions, most prominently at Arlington," Perunko said.

But pressure built to end the practice in the 1920s and 1930s, as families of the 350,000 black troops who served in World War I demanded an end to Jim Crow practices that extended even to the graveyard.

The War Department explicitly banned further segregation in national cemeteries in 1947.

". . . Il Interment will be made in size 6 x 12-foot grave sites without distinction as to race and rank," read a War Department directive in September 1947.

Long Island National Cemetery opened in 1937, and from its inception, black veterans appear to have been accepted and buried at locations across the sprawling grounds, according to Perunko.

One black veteran whose remains are at the cemetery is Richard Fowler, one of seven Fowler brothers from Oyster Bay who served in Europe with the 369th Infantry — the Harlem Hellighters — during World War I. He was buried



Union Army private who was shot through the lungs but liv to raise a family. Five-pointed stars mark Union graves.

there in 1948.

The cemetery also holds the remains of two black soldiers who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Pfc. William Thompson, who was killed while defending his platoon during the Korean War, and 1st Lt. John Earl Warren Jr., who was killed in Vietnam in 1969.

The hidden hollows and old churchyards on Long Island that hold the remains of African-American veterans also include Calvary AME Church Cemetery, where black veterans of the Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II were laid to rest near Piping Rock Road in Locust Valley.

Resting grounds
Without the upkeep provided at federally funded national cemeteries, many private graveyards were forgotten over time, as relatives died off, and as church congregations that once tended them moved away.

But the efforts of civic groups, historical societies and church congregations have restored some of these burial grounds in recent years.

Pine Hollow, the burial ground Green helps tend, now has a brick entryway with a plaque listing the names of 11 members of "Colored" Civil War regiments buried there.

The Eastville Community Historical Society took responsibility for the St. David AME Zion Cemetery in Sag Harbor, said Georgette Grier-Key, the organization's director.

In 2000, Laurel Hollow's Matinecock Neighborhood Association organized a cleanup of the cemetery on Piping Rock Road, clearing away trash that hid in thick underbrush.

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"It had become so overgrown you wouldn't realize it was a cemetery," said Deb Schoman, principal of the academy's middle school.

Bob Bitter, a textile designer who has lived much of his life in Laurel Hollow, said he considers the old burial ground to be a historic asset.

"I didn't realize so much history is buried there," said. Bitter, who moved next to the Piping Rock cemetery about five years ago, and helps pick up litter that sometimes is tossed from passing cars. "It is a peaceful spot, and a part of our country's story, as it should be."



