

# 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:  
28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company B and the Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake.

**Original Dedication Date** December 15, 1995 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 205 Sophia Street (City Docks)

GPS Coordinates 38° 17' 48"N 48° 77' 13"

City/Village &/or Township Fredericksburg

County N/A State Virginia Zip Code 22401

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Fredericksburg

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ 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.) \_\_\_\_\_



**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 Near Rappahannock River

[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 June 26, 2017  
 Your Name D. Michael Beard, PDC  
 Address 17 Rubins Walk  
 City Fredericksburg State VA Zip Code 22405  
 Telephone [REDACTED] E-Mail [REDACTED]

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake.

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.**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: 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 \_\_\_ checked \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ checked \_\_\_ 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?

\_\_\_ checked \_\_\_ 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) .

Inspector’s Name D. Michael Beard, PDC

Date June 26, 2017

## Form 61 Attachment

### Irish Brigade Monument.

The recreated 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company B (recreated) sponsored the funding and constructed the monument in 1995. They deeded the monument to the City of Fredericksburg. The 28th is a Living History and Reenactor group dedicated to educating the public on all aspects of the military and non-combatant experience related to the American Civil War, Union Soldiers, the Irish Brigade, and the 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Company B was the Civil War Trust's 2009 "Reenactor Unit of the Year." Company B is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its corporate chairman is Colonel J.M. Lynes USMC (Ret) of Fredericksburg, VA.



Above is a photo of the monument.



Monument has five pillars marking each Regiment in the Brigade.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**  
(FORM CWM #62)

**REQUESTOR INFORMATION** (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Michael Beard

ADDRESS: 17 Rubins Walk

CITY: Fredericksburg STATE: Virginia ZIP CODE: 22405

PHONE(S): [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: D. Michael Beard

**NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT** Irish Brigade Monument

**NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION**

City Docks

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln St) \_\_\_\_\_

205 Sophia Street

GPS N 38°17' W 77°27' City Fredericksburg State Virginia ZIP 22401

**WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED?** Y  N

EXISTING MONUMENT     NEW MONUMENT     LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ \$45,000 AMOUNT RAISED \$ \$4,000 REQUESTED \$ 2,000

**CHECK PAYABLE TO:** 28th Mass Co. B -- Irish Brigade Statue

ADDRESS: 4054 North 17th Street

CITY: Arlington State: Virginia ZIP CODE: 22207

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____		Amount Approved \$ _____			
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

*Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.*

**MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION**

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1995 WHO OWNS IT: City of Fredericksburg

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? The Re-created 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. B

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? \_\_\_\_\_ FROM WHERE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: Fundraising

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)

Erect a statue of an Irish Soldier at the existing Irish Brigade Monument at City Docks, Fredericksburg. Expected cost is \$45,000. The 28th Mass built the original Irish Brigade Monument at City Docks in 1995. It is on Fredricksburg City property and the City owns both the site and the monument. Attached is the press release the 28th Mass is circulating to raise funds and further information of the project and site.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

See Attached

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

See Attached

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? 28th Massachusetts, Co. B

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

Irish Brigade Camp is contributing \$500 to the project.

Form 62 Continuation

Irish Brigade Monument.

Primary Sponsor:

The recreated 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company B is a Living History and Reenactor group dedicated to educating the public on all aspects of the military and non-combatant experience related to the American Civil War, Union Soldiers, the Irish Brigade, and the 28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Company B was the Civil War Trust's 2009 "Reenactor Unit of the Year." Company B is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its corporate chairman is Colonel J.M. Lynes USMC (Ret) of Fredericksburg, VA.

The SUVCW Irish Brigade Camp #4 has a long history with the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts. Several of our members are joint members. We have an annual ceremony at the existing Irish Brigade Monument near the anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg. The National Park Service and the Ancient Order of Hibernians also participate. We were also joint sponsors of "Fire on the Rappahannock" – the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration event of the Battle of Fredericksburg (with several other groups, including the City of Fredericksburg and the National Park Service).

The 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts has commissioned artist Pat O'Neill of Vienna, to sculpt the monument of the Irish Soldier. Pat is an internationally recognized artist, sculptor, and model maker. Over three decades, he has exhibited widely and has won numerous awards. His work has been on display at the White House, the Pentagon, the Smithsonian, and in the Capital Rotunda. O'Neill has had a life-long interest in the experience of the Irish in America and the Civil War. He is a Living Historian and a Re-enactor. This project combines all of his interests in single work. His model is featured in the attached fund raising brochure.





Above is a photo of the existing monument.



Existing Monument has five pillars marking each Regiment in the Brigade. The 28<sup>th</sup> plans to erect the sculpture of the Irish Soldier on this site.



**The Re-created  
28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co B  
The Irish Brigade  
4054 North 17<sup>th</sup> St, Arlington, Virginia 22207-2377  
*Civil War Preservation Trust Re-enactor Unit of the Year - 2009***

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FUND-RAISING UNDERWAY TO ERECT A STATUE COMMEMORATING THE IRISH  
BRIGADE AT THE 1862 BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG**

**Fredericksburg, VA** (21 March 2017) – The Committee for the Creation of an Irish Brigade Monument announces it has begun fundraising to raise \$45,000 to erect a statue of an American Civil War Irish Brigade Soldier in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The committee is actively looking for support and donations to assist in this project. **Donations are tax deductible.**

Donations (Check to “28<sup>th</sup> Mass Co B – Irish Brigade Statue”) can be mailed to the Irish Brigade Statue Committee at the above address, or made by Credit Card or funds transfer via PayPal to **IB\_Statue\_Info@yahoo.com**. For more information about this project, visit our website: **www.IrishBrigadeStatue.org** or contact us by email at **IB\_Statue\_Info@yahoo.com**.

During the Civil War, more than 150,000 Irish immigrants and descendants volunteered their services and offered their lives to the defense of the Union. Many of these Irishmen were organized into the Irish Brigade within the Union Army of the Potomac.

Suffering the third highest rate of combat dead of any Brigade in the Federal Army, these Irishmen bravely served their adopted land in the face of extreme adversity. Most notably, the Irish Brigade suffered its highest loss at the Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862, in which it suffered 545 casualties.

Despite their immense service and contribution to the Union Army at Fredericksburg, no monument exists there to commemorate their gallant sacrifice. This committee seeks to erect such a monument. The statue, designed by Irish-American artist Patrick M. O’Neill of Vienna, Virginia is intended for the City Dock Park of Fredericksburg, where the Irish Brigade “slept on their arms” the night before their fateful assault. A maquette of the proposed statue is pictured.

The committee is an aspect of the Re-created 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company B, a living history and re-enactment group in Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland. It is dedicated to educating the public about all aspects of the military and non-combatant experience related to the American Civil War, Union soldiers, the Irish Brigade and the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts in particular. The 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company B, established in 1985, and the 2009 Civil War Preservation Trust “Re-enactor Unit of the Year,” is a registered non-profit organization in the State of Virginia and has 501 (c) (3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.



**18” Statue Maquette.  
Statue to be rendered life-size on installation.**

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