

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 [x] Plaque Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Affiliation

GAR MOLLUS [x] 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:

George A Custer Camp #1 SUVCW - Last Soldier Project

FORM FILLED OUT BY NATIONAL MONUMENTS OFFICER - NO FORM RECEIVED FROM CAMP

Original Dedication Date 2022? 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 Hickory Cemetery GPS Coordinates

City/Village &/or Township Antioch

County LAKE State IL Zip Code

The front of the Memorial faces: North South [x] East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name George Custer Camp 1 SUVCW &

Dept./Div.

Street Address

City Northbrook State IL Zip Code 60062

Contact Person Nick Kaup 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.)

GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER, CAMP #1
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Financial Grant Request

LAST SOLDIER PROJECT: Lake County, Illinois, Hickory Cemetery, Antioch, Illinois.

After a 17 year search. Custer Camp #1 has located the Last Union Soldier in Lake County Illinois. Silas Nichols was a Union Civil War veteran and member of the Grand Army of the Republic who shook the hand of Abraham Lincoln. He passed away in 1945 and was buried in Hickory Cemetery, Antioch, Illinois.

We have contacted the Hickory Cemetery board. We have a bronze plaque ready to go. We need a stone base to mount it on. We have chosen a pink granite post from the quarry in Stony Creek, Connecticut. This is the same quarry that supplied the stone for the base of the Statue of Liberty. <https://stonycreekquarry.com/about/> The cost estimate for the granite is \$2,000 – 3,000. Camp #1 has raised \$800.00 towards this goal. We are seeking matching funds from the Department of Illinois.

TOTAL COST: \$2,000 – 3,000

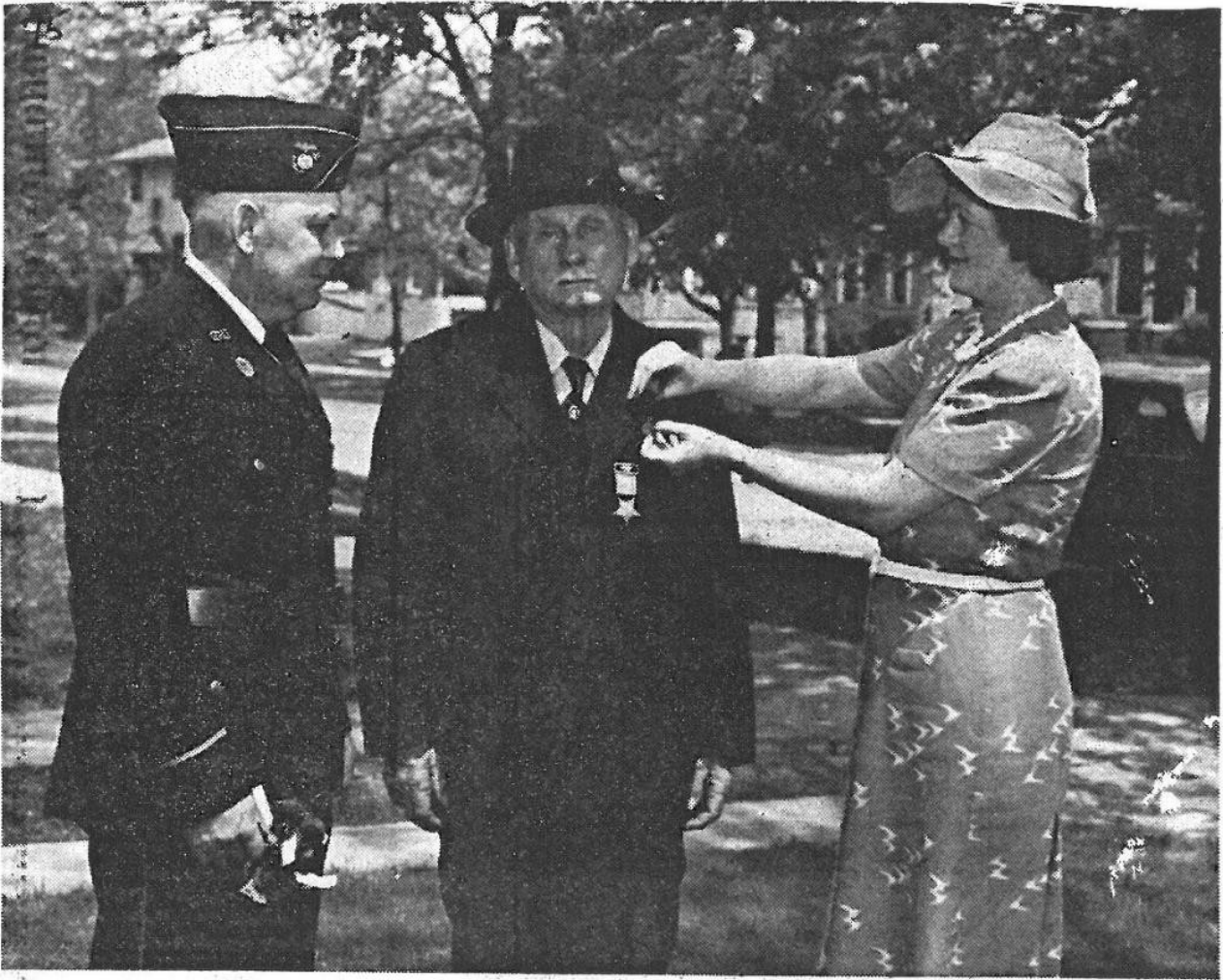
FINANCIAL GRANT REQUEST: \$800.00

Please make checks out to **George A. Custer Camp #1, SUVCW.**

Send checks to Camp #1 Treasurer Nick Kaup, 2155 Valencia Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062-7016

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Stuart Stefany,
PDC, CC Custer Camp #1,
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Poppy Day

Silas Nichols, commander of the Lake County Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans, was the first to buy an American Legion poppy in

1939. Pinning the poppy to his lapel was Mrs. George McGaughey, while George Groat of the Homer Dahringer Post, Waukegan, looked on.

