

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. Warren Shedd Post 262)                      \_\_\_ M.O.L.L.U.S.  
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. Unknown)                      \_\_\_ Other Allied Order  
 \_\_\_ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      (Please describe below)  
 \_\_\_ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** 1923, 1927 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 Monument Park (3rd Street and 3rd Avenue NW)  
 City/Village Aledo Township Aledo County Mercer

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 Village of Aledo Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 120 N. College Avenue  
 City Aledo State IL Zip Code 61231  
 Contact Person Terry Dove Telephone ( 309 ) 582-7241

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.) Gray Concrete

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Zinc

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 30 ft. Width 8 ft. Depth 8 ft. or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sculpture: Height 8 ft. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.  
 Mercer County

Dedicated to her fallen sons 1861-1865

Monument part 2: WRC 1923 "In Memory of Mrs. John A. Logan 1838-1928

Monument part 3: WRC 1923 "Civil War Nurse Miss Clara Barton 1821-1923

Monument part 4: WRC 1927 "To the Memory of Civil War Soldiers and Sailors 1861-1865

**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 checked="" 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: _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse         | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus  | _____                                    |
| <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 Central monument is on a large earthen mound with stairs up to it, allowing proper drainage.

**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.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	---	---
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	---	---
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	---	---
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	---	---

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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	---	-X-
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	-X-	-X-
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 main monument is a tall, well crafted and ornate concrete pillar decorated with the arms of the services and topped with a soldier standing at parade rest, holding a musket and wearing a greatcoat and kepi. At the base of monument mount are four trees. Each tree has a round zinc dedication plaque mounted on a two-piece concrete wedge. Three of the wedges are marked WRC and the fourth wedge is dedicated by the American Legion.

**Supplemental Background Information**

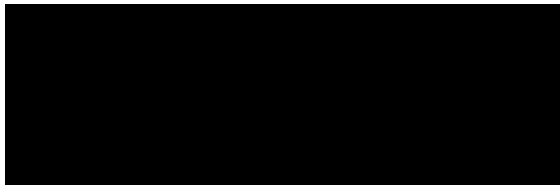
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation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

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 10-9-2011  
 Your Name Gregory M. Carter PCC  
 Address 1601 S. 24th Street #407 City Quincy  
 State IL Zip Code 62301 Telephone [REDACTED]

Please send this completed form to:

**Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Chair**



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee