

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 The City of Cincinnati

Original Dedication Date September 9th, 2012 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 Mehring Way Smale Riverfront Park  
 City/Village Cincinnati Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Hamilton  
 State Ohio.

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 City of Cincinnati  
 Dept./Div. Parks Division  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Cincinnati State Ohio Zip Code 45202 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 UNKNOWN Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s).

NA  
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### 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.) Granite, marble and brass

#### SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

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 see \_\_\_\_\_ Width attached \_\_\_\_\_ 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 see attached.

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.

see attached  
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### Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

#### Type of Location

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|---|--|--|
| <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 Near Ohio River

**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? (Look for signs of exterior rust)	___	___
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)	___	___

**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	___	___
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	___	___
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	___	___
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	___	___

NA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 first piece of public art to be commissioned in Smale Riverfront Park is a monument to Cincinnati's little-known Black Brigade. The Black Brigade was formed in 1862 to construct barricades to defend Cincinnati from Confederate attack. Initially, men

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### 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 October 7th, 2015

Your Name Todd Mayer

Address 2395 Shimmering Bay Lane

City Cincinnati

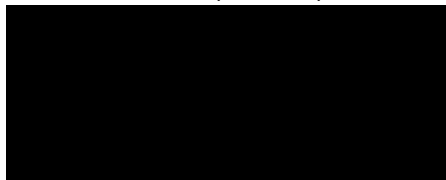
State Ohio Zip Code 45244

Telephone ( [REDACTED] )

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Lytle Camp #10, Department of Ohio, SUVCW

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

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Approx. measurements:

Area - 2,477 SF

South side - 62' (wall is 50')

West side - 70'

North East side - 110'



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The Black Brigade Monument at Smale Riverfront Park Cincinnati, Ohio. Monument was dedicated September 9, 2012 for the 150th anniversary of the "Defense of Cincinnati - The Black Brigade" in 1862



The panel walkway



Statue of Judge William M. Dickson and Union soldier of The Black Brigade



A Union soldier of the Black Brigade gives Judge/Colonel William M. Dickson a sword for their gratitude"



Statue of a woman and child watching men (black & white) traveling over the Ohio River on a pontoon bridge



# The Black Brigade's flag



# The Cincinnati Daily Gazette - The Defense of Cincinnati 1862

