

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 without Sculpture

Monument with Cannon  
 Historical Marker  Plaque

Affiliation

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

Original Dedication Date \_\_\_\_\_ 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: MISSING  
 Street/Road address or site location BELLE ISLE CASINO  
 City/Village Detroit Township Detroit County WAYNE

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 Detroit Dept./Div. Parks & Rec  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Detroit (Belle Isle) State MI Zip Code 48207  
 Contact Person MARCHEL Mc Gehee Telephone ( 313 ) 852-4075

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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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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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ___ Cemetery           | ___ Park           | ___ Plaza/Courtyard |
| ___ "Town Square"      | ___ Post Office    | ___ School          |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol  | Other: _____        |
| ___ Courthouse         | ___ College Campus | _____               |
| ___ Traffic Circle     | ___ Library        | _____               |



**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).

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Name Richard E. Danes  
 Address 2612 Burns City Dearborn  
 State MI Zip Code 48124-3204 Telephone 

SUVCW Camp 427 Senior Vice Commander

Please send this completed form to:

**Douglas R. Armstrong**  
 Civil War Memorials Officer  
 Department of Michigan- S.U.V.C.W.  
 236 E Frederick Ave.  
 Lansing, MI. 48906-3226

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
 National Civil War Memorials Committee

MICHIGAN'S CIVIL WAR MARKERS, MEMORIALS, AND MONUMENTS

A Preliminary Report of the Committee on Michigan  
Places, Areas, and Objects which Contributed to the  
Winning of the Civil War

Michigan Civil War Centennial Observance Commission

Dearborn, 1962

Wayne County (Cont.)

→ Cannon, near Casino, Belle Isle, Detroit. This cannon was captured at the Battle of Vicksburg in the Civil War.

Bronze tablet, Central Avenue near Picnic Way, Belle Isle, Detroit. Erected September 27, 1923. Inscription:

1923. This tablet is dedicated to Gen. O. M. Poe Post No. 433, Grand Army of the Republic, by its auxiliary, Gen. O. M. Poe Woman's Relief Corps No. 8. "Not for selfish gain or applause, but for honor and the glory of the cause they did THAT which will never be forgotten."

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Campus Martius, Detroit. It was erected in 1871 and unveiled and dedicated on April 9, 1872. It is the work of the sculptor, Randolph Rogers. The statues and medallions are bronze, cast in Munich, Bavaria. The body of the monument is of granite. At the top is a statue representing Michigan. Below are four figures representing the infantry, cavalry, artillery, and marines. There are four other figures representing victory, union, emancipation, and history. There are four large eagles and various other medallions. Total height is sixty feet. The cost of about \$75,000 was raised through popular subscription. Inscription:

Erected by the People of Michigan in honor of the Martyrs who fell and Heroes who fought in Defence of Liberty and Union.

Memorial fountain with a bronze figure representing Michigan, in Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Sculptor was Daniel Chester French. The memorial was unveiled July 27, 1921. A medallion bearing the likeness of General Russell A. Alger is mounted on the granite base. Inscription:

Russell A. Alger -- Soldier -- Statesman -- Citizen --  
1836-1907

Monument with a statue of a Union soldier, mounted on a granite base, Central and Muse roads, Belle Isle, Detroit. Sculptor was Angelo Zirolo of Wyandotte. Inscription:

There are now forty-eight reasons why we will always remember the Grand Army of the Republic. Erected by Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Dedicated November, 1948.

Aluminum marker mounted on a post, adjacent to Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Campus Martius, Detroit. Erected May 13, 1961, by the J. L. Hudson Company. Inscription:

First Michigan Infantry, 1861. President Abraham Lincoln issued a call for troops on April 15, 1861. On April 29 the First Michigan Infantry Regiment was organized and was mustered into Federal service May 1 for three months' service. The regiment received its flag from the ladies of Detroit in Campus Martius on May 11, and left for Washington, D. C. on May 13. This was the first Western regiment to