

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                      3  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: STATE of MI

**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:  
 Street/Road address or site location Intersection M96 & Michigan Ave  
 City/Village Galesburg Township Comstock County KALAMAZOO

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 200 E Michigan Ave  
 City Galesburg State MI Zip Code 49053  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (269) 665 7000

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.) GRANIT

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 = GRANITE

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 10" Width 96" Depth 84" or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sculpture: Height 75" Width 42" Depth 30 1/2" 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 ON BRONZ TABLETS  
ON STRUCTURE

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

See Attached Sheet

**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 type="checkbox"/> Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input checked="" 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)  
 Town

Suburban (residential, near city)  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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

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

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
White crusting	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>

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).

3 Bronze plaques could use some maintenance - one is loose on South side.

**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 5-2-06  
Your Name Arthur Bonnell  
Address 6815 South 6th Street City Kalamazoo  
State Mi Zip Code 49009 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

WILLIAM RUFUS SHAFTER BUST AND MONUMENT  
GALESBURG, MI

THREE SEPARATE INSCRIPTIONS READ:

(NORTH SIDE)

William Rufus Shafter. A Michigan soldier whose valorous conduct in the Rebellion, in the Indian wars, and in the Spanish-American War, added glory to the military annals of the United States. Born in this community on October 16, 1835, he grew to manhood in the pioneer life of Michigan, enlisting as a lieutenant in the Seventh Michigan Infantry on August 22, 1861. He won promotion by gallant and meritorious service, and was mustered out a brigadier-general of volunteers at the close of the Civil War. As an officer in the regular army he served with signal distinction and conducted campaigns against hostile Indians in the southwest with such success that the country was made safe for peaceful and permanent settlement. As commander of the expeditionary army which besieged and captured Santiago de Cuba in 1898, he concluded his services for his country with an imperishable record as a great and daring leader and a generous conqueror. He died on November 12, 1906.

(SOUTH SIDE)

William Rufus Shafter. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 7<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf., Aug. 22, 1861 to Aug. 22, 1862; Maj. 19<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf., Sept. 5, 1862, Lt. Col. of same, June 5, 1863 to Apr. 18, 1864; Col. 17<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Inf. Apr. 19, 1864, until honorably mustered out Nov. 2, 1866; Bvt. Brig. Gen. Vols. Mar. 13, 186\_, for gallant and meritorious service during the war. Appointed Lt. Col. 41<sup>st</sup> U.S. Inf., July 28, 1866, accepted Jan. 26, 1867; assigned To 24<sup>th</sup> Inf., Mar 15, 1869; promoted Col. 1<sup>st</sup> Inf., Mar. 4, 1879; appointed Brig. Gen. May 3, 1897; retired Oct. 16, 1899; advanced to grade of Maj. Gen. On retired list Feb. 18, 1901. He also served as Maj. Gen. Vols. May 4, 1898 to June 30, 1901. Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A. Mar. 2, 1867, for gallant and meritorious service in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va. Awarded Medal of Honor June 12, 1895 for most distinguished gallantry in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., May 31, 1862, while serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 7<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf. in command of pioneers, voluntarily taking an active part in that battle and remaining on the field, although wounded, until the close of the engagement.

(EAST SIDE)

The state of Michigan erected this memorial May 30, 1919. Bill for appropriation introduced by Hon. Charles A. Weissert. Committee to erect it appointed by Governor Albert E. Sleeper. W. W. Potter, Hastings, chairman. M.F. Jordan, Middleville. M.A. Douglass, Galesburg.





WILLIAM RUFUS  
SHAFTER







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1<sup>ST</sup> LT. 7<sup>TH</sup> MICH. INF. AUG. 22, 1861 TO  
AUG. 22, 1862; MAJ. 19<sup>TH</sup> MICH. INF. SEPT. 5,  
1862 LT. COL. OF SAME JUNE 5,  
1863 TO APR. 18, 1864, COL. 17<sup>TH</sup> U. S.  
COLORED INF. APR. 19, 1864 UNTIL HONORABLY  
MUSTERED OUT NOV. 2, 1866, BVT. BRIG. GEN.  
VOLS. MAR. 13, 1865 FOR GALLANT AND  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE DURING THE WAR.

APPOINTED LT. COL. 41<sup>ST</sup> U. S. INF.  
JULY 28, 1866, ACCEPTED JAN. 26, 1867;  
ASSIGNED TO 24<sup>TH</sup> INF. MAR. 15, 1869;  
PROMOTED COL. 1<sup>ST</sup> INF. MAR. 4, 1879;  
APPOINTED BRIG. GEN. MAY 3, 1897; RETIRED  
OCT. 16, 1899; ADVANCED TO GRADE OF MAJ.  
GEN. ON RETIRED LIST FEB. 18, 1901.

HE ALSO SERVED AS MAJ. GEN. VOLS. MAY 4,  
1898 TO JUNE 30, 1901. BVT. LT. COL. U. S. A.  
MAR. 2, 1867 FOR GALLANT AND MERITORIOUS  
SERVICE IN THE BATTLE OF FAIR OAKS, VA.  
AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR JUNE 12, 1895  
FOR MOST DISTINGUISHED GALLANTRY IN THE  
BATTLE OF FAIR OAKS, VA. MAY 31, 1862, WHILE  
SERVING AS 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. 7<sup>TH</sup> MICH. INF. IN COMMAND  
OF PIONEERS, VOLUNTARILY TAKING AN  
ACTIVE PART IN THAT BATTLE AND REMAINING  
ON THE FIELD, ALTHOUGH WOUNDED,  
UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE ENGAGEMENT.



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A MICHIGAN SOLDIER WHOSE VALOROUS CONDUCT IN THE REBELLION, IN THE INDIAN WARS AND IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, ADDED GLORY TO THE MILITARY ANNALS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BORN IN THIS COMMUNITY ON OCTOBER 16, 1835, HE GREW TO MANHOOD IN THE PIONEER LIFE OF MICHIGAN, ENLISTING AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE SEVENTH MICHIGAN INFANTRY ON AUGUST 22, 1861. HE WON PROMOTION BY GALLANT AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE, AND WAS MUSTERED OUT A BRIGADIER-GENERAL OF VOLUNTEERS AT THE CLOSE OF THE CIVIL WAR.

AS AN OFFICER IN THE REGULAR ARMY HE SERVED WITH SIGNAL DISTINCTION AND CONDUCTED CAMPAIGNS AGAINST HOSTILE INDIANS IN THE SOUTHWEST WITH SUCH SUCCESS THAT THE COUNTRY WAS MADE SAFE FOR PEACEFUL AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

AS COMMANDER OF THE EXPEDITIONARY ARMY WHICH BESIEGED AND CAPTURED SANTIAGO DE CUBA IN 1898, HE CONCLUDED HIS SERVICES FOR HIS COUNTRY WITH AN IMPERISHABLE RECORD AS A GREAT AND DARING LEADER AND A GENEROUS CONQUEROR.

HE DIED ON NOVEMBER 12, 1906.

WILLIAM RUFUS  
SHAFTER

