

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. none listed on monument) 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 AUGUST 20, 1908 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 SOLDIERS'S HOME CEMETERY - 3000 MONROE AVE NW
City/Village GRAND RAPIDS Township _____ County KENT

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 STATE OF MICHIGAN Dept./Div. DEPT. OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
Street Address 3000 MONROE NW
City GRAND RAPIDS State MI Zip Code 49505
Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____

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 GRANITE

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = BRONZE

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 12' Width 8' Depth 8' or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 6' 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.
 TEXT OR EMBLEMS ON ONE SIDE ONLY BRONZE PLAQUE (STATE SEAL)

ERECTED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
 IN MEMORY OF THE TO HER MARTYRS AND HEROES
 SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO FOUGHT FOR IN DEFENCE OF LIBERTY AND UNION
 WHO FOUGHT IN THE WAR
 OF THE REBELLION 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | ___ Park | ___ Plaza/Courtyard |
| ___ "Town Square" | ___ Post Office | ___ School |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| ___ Courthouse | ___ College Campus | _____ |
| ___ Traffic Circle | ___ 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 _____

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)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	N _____	N _____
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	N _____	N _____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	N _____	N _____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
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...	_____	_____

ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT IN 2000 FOUND THE STATUE IN NEED OF CLEANING

CLEANED BY ARCO AND CAMP 1 - REDEDICATED ON NOV 10, 2001 BY THE ALLIED ORDERS.

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? Yes No Unable to tell

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Kent County

Monument Location: Soldiers' Home Cemetery

Physical Address:

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
3000 Monroe Ave NW; Grand Rapids, MI

Dimensions:

Column- 12' H X 8' W X 8' D
Sculpture 6' H Soldier with head bowed and
kepi in hand

Type: Gray Granite Monument with Sculpture

Erected: By the State of Michigan

History:

The monument was cleaned by the
SUVCW On November 10, 2001,
a rededication ceremony was conducted
by the *SUVCW Gen John A. Logan
Camp No.1, WRC Champlin Corps No. 41,
& DUVCW Eva Gray Tent No. 2*
Affiliated with the Grand Rapids Post No. 408
which met at the Soldiers' Home and was later
changed to Innes Post No. 408

Lettering:

IN MEMORY OF THE
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS
WHO FOUGHT IN THE WAR
OF THE REBELLION 1861-
1865

Bronze Plaque:
"Erected by the State of Michigan"

*With the following words around the perimeter
of the Michigan State Seal:*

"To her martyrs and heroes
who fought in defence of Liberty and Union"

Raised 6" letters on bottom base:
MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME

