

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. \_\_\_\_\_)                       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: VETERANS COUNCIL AND THE KALAMAZOO CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE COMMISSION

**Original Dedication Date** 1964 May 11 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 CORNER of 11th STREET & PARKVIEW ST  
 City/Village \_\_\_\_\_ Township Oshkemo 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 ARMY NATIONAL GUARD Dept./Div. CO C 156th SIGNAL BATTALION  
 Street Address 5353 PARKVIEW  
 City Oshkemo State Mi Zip Code 49009  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (269) 329 1555

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

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY WATER STREET KALAMAZOO

**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.) ALUMINUM

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 = Alu

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points  
 Monument or Base: Height 28" Width 36" 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.

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 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 | <u>NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY</u>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle     | <input type="checkbox"/> Library        | _____                                    |

Aluminum wall marker on wall  
National Guard Army on Parkview Kalamazoo County

Inscription reads:

First Kalamazoo National Guard Unit. Company C was first organized in 1856 as the Kalamazoo Light Guard. In the Civil War it fought at Bull Run and in other major battles. In World War I and II it was part of the famed 32nd Division. One of its commanders, Col. "Joe" Westnedge, won renown as one of the finest regimental commanders of World War I. The unit served in all the nation's wars as an infantry unit until 1959 when it was reorganized into Company C, 156<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. That a man shall serve his country in the time of war is noble, brave and patriotic; but that a man shall properly prepare himself in time of peace to serve in war is all these things and more. Erected by the Kalamazoo Veterans Council and the Kalamazoo Civil War Centennial Observance Commission, 1964.

**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)	___	___
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)

	<del>Sculpture</del> Plaque	Base
Black crusting	No	___
White crusting	No	___
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	No	___
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	No	___
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	No	___
Chalky or powdery stone	No	___
Granular eroding of stone	No	___
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	No	___
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	No	___
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	No	___

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**

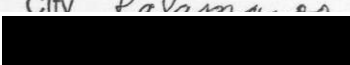
Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on).

Very Good  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Supplemental Background Information**

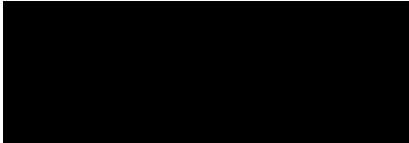
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation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

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 5-2-06  
Your Name Arthur Bannell  
Address 6815 S. 6th St 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.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee