

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. Dept. of Michigan) ☐ Other Allied Order  
☐ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_) (Please describe below)  
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** Nov 1948 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: Belle Isle  
 Street/Road address or site location Central & Muse Rd's  
 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 Inselruhe and Loiter Way  
 City Detroit (Belle Isle) State MI Zip Code 48207  
 Contact Person Marchel McGehee Telephone (313) 852-4075

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

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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.) white

Material of the Sculpture = X 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 = METAL

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 60" Width 48" Depth 24" or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sculpture: Height 12" 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: X cut into material \_\_\_ raised up from material face

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

<u>North side (top)</u>	<u>North Side (bottom)</u>
<u>"There are now forty eight</u>	<u>"Erected by the Department</u>
<u>reasons why we will always</u>	<u>of Michigan, Women's Relief Corps,</u>
<u>remember the Grand Army</u>	<u>auxiliary to The Grand Army of</u>
<u>of the Republic"</u>	<u>the Republic.</u>
	<u>Dedicated November, 1948. "</u>

## 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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)	<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)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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>N</u>	<u>N</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>N</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...		

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) .

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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 [REDACTED]

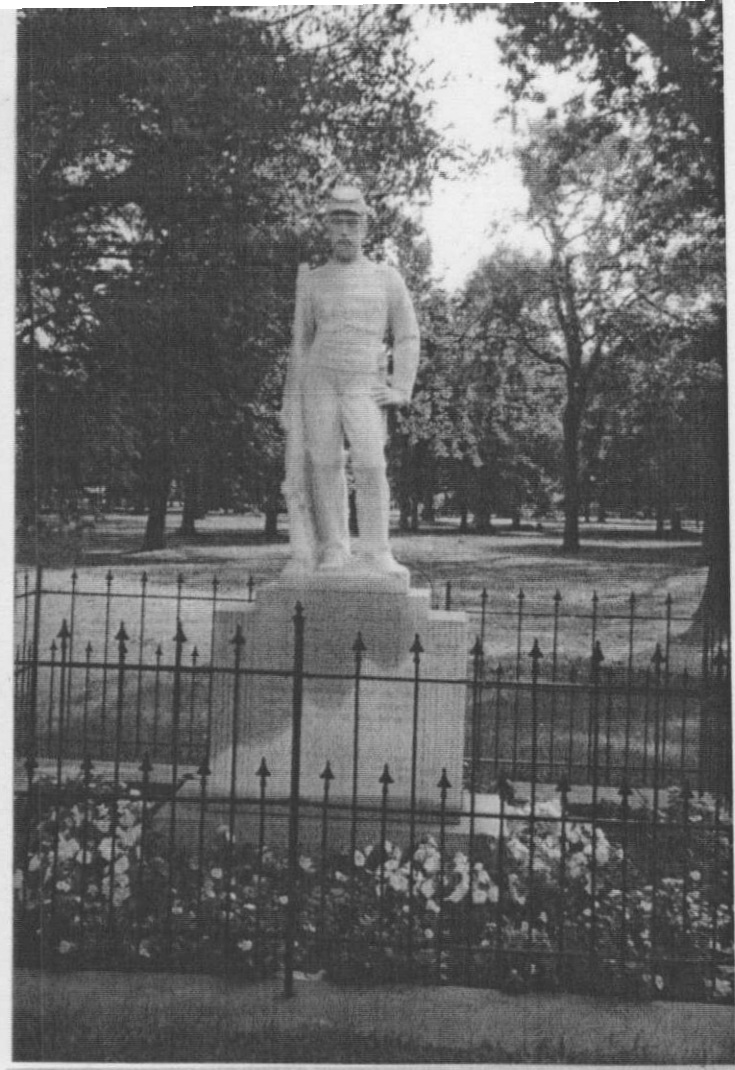
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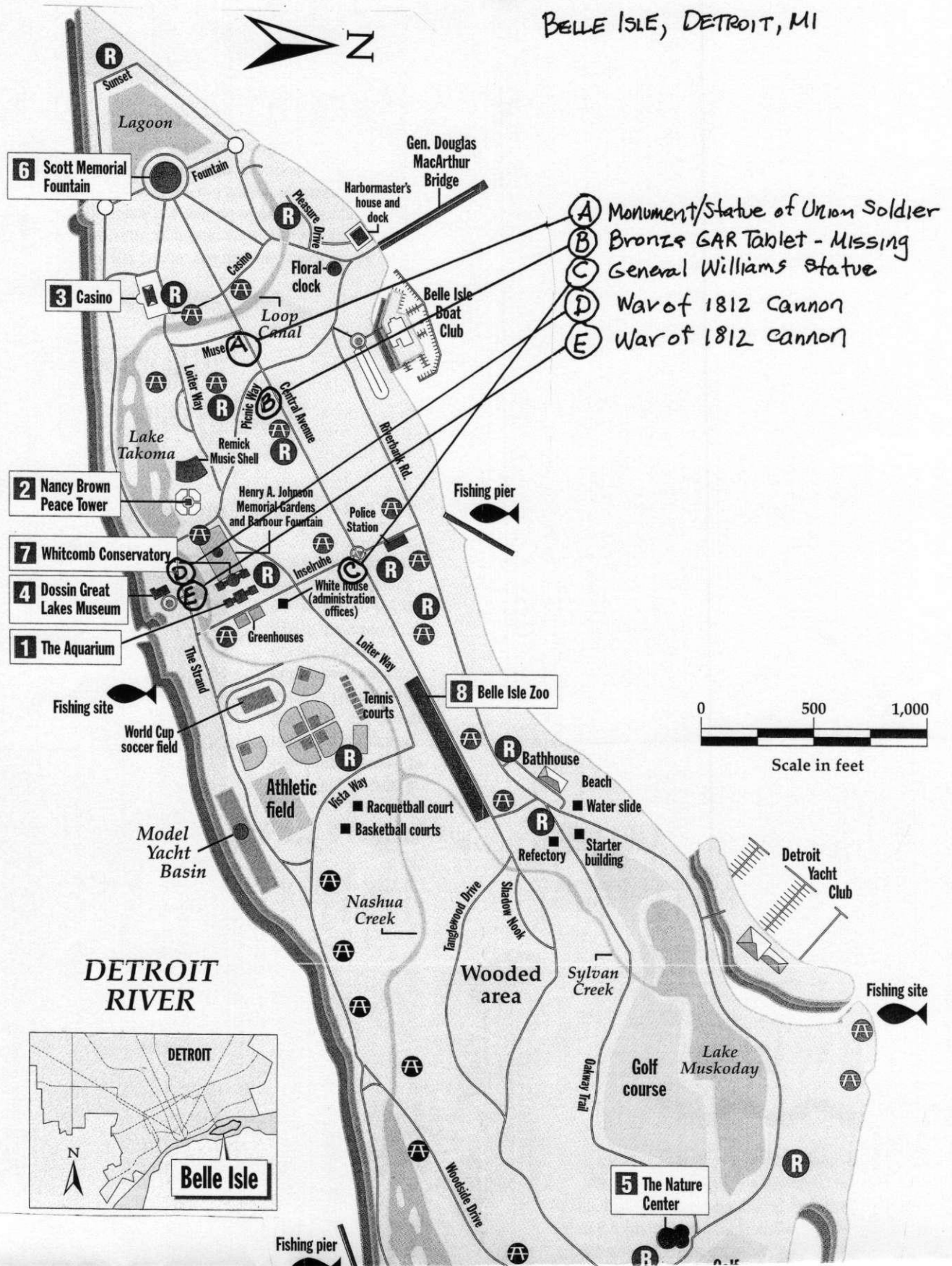
**Douglas R. Armstrong**  
Civil War Memorials Officer  
Department of Michigan - S.U.V.C.W.  
236 E Frederick Ave.  
Lansing, MI. 48906-3226

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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



# BELLE ISLE, DETROIT, MI



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

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