

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. DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN \_\_\_\_\_)                       Other Allied Order  
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      (Please describe below)  
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** JUNE 6, 1923                      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 MONUMENT PARK AT DIVISION AND FULTON STS  
 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 CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS                      Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City GRAND RAPIDS                      State MI                      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_                      Telephone (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

THE ENTIRE PARK WAS MOVED ABOUT 75 YARDS NORTHEAST IN 1975 FOR WIDENING OF STREETS

**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 = 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 16" 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.  
 This tablet was erected by the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 in memory of and dedicated to the veterans of the Civil War.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 "O, VANGUARD OF FREEDOM A SILENT SALUTE,  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LET LOVE BE OUR LANGUAGE, FOR WORDS THEY ARE MUTE  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHILE O'ER YOU THE EMBLEM YOU PERISHED TO SAVE,  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, FOREVER SHALL WAVE."  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 REPLACED AND REDEDICATED NOVEMBER 1975  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(Original Plaque was removed in 1975 & replaced - words the same except the last line was added)

**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        | _____                                    |





# Grand Rapids, Michigan

## Kent County

**Monument Location:** Monument Park

**Physical Address:** Fulton and Division streets  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Type:** Memorial Boulder with Bronze Plaque

**Dimensions:**  
12" H X 18" W

**Erected:** June 6, 1923  
Dept. of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps

### History:

As part of the activities for the Department Convention in 1923, the WRC placed this memorial boulder in Monument Park.

The ceremony was attended by Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts. "Mayor Julius Tisch accepted the memorial on behalf of the city as a link between the memories of the past and today, and expressed hope that it would help future generations to rededicate themselves to the cause of patriotism."

When Monument Park was moved in 1975 for a street widening project, the plaque on the boulder was replaced. When the Kent County Civil War Monument was restored in 2003, the plaque was cleaned with the help of members from the Woman's Relief Corps.

**Lettering:** (All letters raised)

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