

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. possibly John Earl #236 and E.F. Holmes #109)                       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** May 30, 1902 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 Pinecrest Cemetery, entrance at Adams St and Railroad St.  
 City/Village Oscoda Township Oscoda County Iosco

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 Oscoda Township Dept./Div. Building and Grounds  
 Street Address 110 South State St  
 City Oscoda State MI Zip Code 48750  
 Contact Person Bill Hamlin Telephone ( 989 ) 739-9778

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.) light gray with dark gray and white

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

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 8' Width 28" Depth 28" 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 GAR Ribbon at upper middle section, inscription lower middle, dates on base. All on West Face. Cannon ball stack on upper part, all sides

The "Dedication Text" is formed: \_\_\_ cut into material X raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.  
ERECTED IN HONOR OF THE BRAVE BOYS IN BLUE WHO ON LAND OR SEA PARTICIPATED IN THAT  
MEMORABLE STRUGGLE FOR THE PRESERVATON OF OUR UNION.  
"NOW SLEEP THE BRAVE WHO GO TO REST. BY ALL THEIR COUNTRY'S WISHES BLEST."  
1861 (shield) 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 | <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 | _____                                    |
| <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 Fence around cemetery. CW veterans buried next to monument. one with a headstone, other with no Headstone. VFW flagholders, Flags.

**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)	___	___
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.)	X ___	___
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	X ___	___

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

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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)	X ___	- -
Chalky or powdery stone	X ___	___
Granular eroding of stone	X ___	- -
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	- -	- -
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	X ___	___
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	___	___

Top finial broken off and missing. Compare Oscoda Press article to current photos.

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) .  
 Location in Section "D" on Pinecrest Cemetery.

\_\_\_\_\_ If there is some kind of maintenance I can provide, please let me know

\_\_\_\_\_ The cracks really need to be sealed before it's too late.

\_\_\_\_\_ Any question or further information requests please email me at cwalcona@gmail.com or lakehse96@peoplepc.com

\_\_\_\_\_ GPS locator N 44.42038 W 083.34750

**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 November 19th, 2010

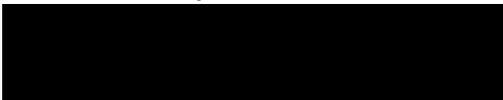
Your Name Marcia Simmons DUVCW Michigan MAL

Address P.O. Box 281 City Harrisville

State MI Zip Code 48740 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Chair  
 1691 Summerfield Street, SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49508-6499



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

Iosco's "Boys In Blue"  
James Donaldson, Rev Ed 2000  
Oscoda/AuSable Historical Archives  
Parks Library, Oscoda, MI

**THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT:** It occurs to me that, when I was a kid, Memorial Day was still called 'Decoration Day,' and Veterans' Day was 'Armistice Day'; and while I think that most of my young contemporaries back then knew that the latter referred to the end of the First World War, I don't know how many of us knew that the earlier name of the former holiday referred to the nineteenth-century practice of having schoolchildren 'decorate' the graves of 'Civil War soldiers' every year in the spring, on that Day.

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May 1902  
Decoration Day

It may come as a surprise to its residents that Iosco County has a monument to veterans of the Union Army in the Civil War; it stands in the Pinecrest Cemetery, Oscoda. It was dedicated on the afternoon of Decoration Day —

May 30 — in the Spring of 1902, with members of the Grand Army post in charge of the program. Old soldiers or their widows, and their family members and friends, came from all quarters of the Huron Shore for public recognition of the service and sacrifice that had been shown during the war years 1861 to 1865. Some arrived by train or buggy from communities and farms located to the north and west. The fraternal order Knights of Pythias, in full regalia, arrived from the county seat along with the Tawas-area old soldiers and members of the Women's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, to assist in the festivities and to see the morning baseball game between Harrisville and the Iosco 'juniors.' A special train, arranged through Mr. Luce of the Detroit & Mackinac Railway, brought them up from the Tawas — dropping off the aged veterans and their families, and the Knights, at the Loud Company siding near the Au Sable and Northwestern Railway station. In this way the travelers did not have to walk all the way down from the D. & M. station (located farther to the north and west) to the Chevalier Ball Park in Au Sable, and then back out to the cemetery — in the vicinity of the site of the D. & M. station — for the ceremonies.

A large relief depiction of the Grand Army ribbon is delicately inscribed on one face of the monument. The inscription on the base reads:

*Erected in honor of the brave boys in blue  
who on land or sea participated  
in that memorable struggle  
for preservation of our union.*

*'Now sleep the brave who go to rest  
By all their country's wishes blest'*

1861

1865

This must have been an impressive day, both joyful and solemn, fraught with the strong emotions which are occasioned by patriotic feeling and by contemplation of the losses which result from both war and the passing of time. One may readily imagine the feelings of the assembled crowd on that spring day ninety and more years ago, as the memorials were spoken, and as the mournful notes of the bugle shimmered through the air from the high ground of the cemetery, across the wide banks of the Au Sable River, and far down to the lapping waves at the Huron shore.

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