

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

## Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

Monument  with Sculpture  without Sculpture  with Cannon  standalone Cannon  
 Historical Marker  Plaque  Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

## Affiliation

GAR  MOLLUS  SUVCW  WRC  ASUVCW  
 LGAR  DUVCW  Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Sons of Confederate Veterans , Colonel James J. Searcey Camp 1923

**Original Dedication Date** 2005 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 West of North Rangeline Rd on Battlefield  
GPS Coordinates N 39° 10.615 W 092° 06.691

City/Village &/or Township Centralia  
County Boone State MO Zip Code 65240

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Col. James J. Searcey Camp 1923  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address 503 W Broadway  
City Columbia State MO Zip Code 65203  
Contact Person Commander Telephone ( 573 ) 442-3751 ext \_\_\_\_\_

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places  Yes  No ID # if known \_\_\_\_\_

## For Monuments with/without sculpture:

### Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Granite

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? Solid  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Grey Granite

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:**

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

**For Cannons with/without monument:**

Material of Cannon = \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Rifled \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Markings: Muzzle \_\_\_\_\_ Base Ring/Breech \_\_\_\_\_

Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**For Other Memorials:** (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

Materials of the Memorial

**Complete for All Memorials**

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

5 ft \_\_\_\_\_ Height 4 ft \_\_\_\_\_ Width 18 in \_\_\_\_\_ Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

See attachment

**Environmental Setting**

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

**Type of Location**

Cemetery  Park  Plaza/Courtyard  "Town Square"  Post Office  
 School  Municipal Building  State Capitol  Courthouse  College Campus  
 Traffic Circle  Library Other: Private property

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

**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.

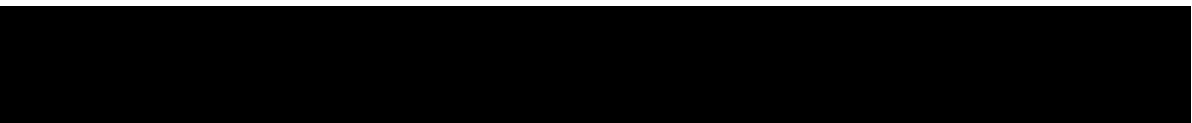
Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 09/03/2016

Your Name Walt Busch

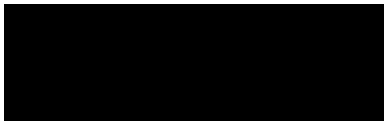
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Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Sons of Union Veterans

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
1240 Konert Valley Dr.



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM  
ADDENDUM – MONUMENT’S CONDITION**

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

**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? <small>(Look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(Also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	_____	_____

**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)	_____	_____
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...	_____	_____

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

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

Inspector’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT

## The Centralia Battle

One of the bloodiest battles of the War between the States was fought here on the afternoon of September 27, 1864. 120 newly-recruited federal soldiers of the 39th Missouri Mounted Infantry Volunteers commanded by Major A.V.E. Johnston, was engaged by 400 veteran Confederate guerrilla forces lead by Captain William T. "Bloody Bill" Anderson. The Federal soldiers were armed with a single shot Enfield muskets while the guerrillas fought with Navy Colt revolvers, some having as many as four to six pistols each. Johnston dismounted his men and formed them into a single skirmish line. The guerrillas attacked the Federal soldiers head-on, and on both flanks. The battle lasted only 3 minutes. Johnston and almost every one of his men were killed and later mutilated by the guerrillas. The guerrilla forces lost only 3 men during the battle. One month later near Albany, Missouri, "Bloody Bill" Anderson was ambushed and killed by Federal troops using the same tactics he used at the Battle of Centralia.

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On the morning of September 27, 1864, Confederate Captain William T. "Bloody Bill" Anderson with 80 guerrillas entered the town of Centralia to reconnoiter and disrupt traffic on the North Missouri Railroad which ran through town. Before noon a passenger train carrying 23 furloughed Federal soldiers approached the town. The guerrillas piled railroad ties across the tracks and stopped the train. All except one of these Federal soldiers were lined up and executed by Anderson's men. The guerrillas burned the train depot and returned to camp Southeast of town. That afternoon, Union Major A.V.E. Johnston with 155 soldiers from 39th Missouri Mounted Infantry Volunteers rode into Centralia. Johnston was enraged when he saw the massacred soldiers lying on the ground. The citizens of Centralia told him that Anderson was camped about three miles south of town, with a force of approximately 400 guerrillas. Major Johnston swore revenge for his murdered comrades and rode out to confront Anderson and the Guerrillas. Leaving 35 soldiers in Centralia the guerrillas decoyed the Federal command into a field that was surrounded on two sides by dense timber near Young's Creek.

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Inspector's Name Walt Busch

Date 09/03/2016



