

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:

Assorted Local Community Groups in cooperation with City

Original Dedication Date 2013-2016 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 401 So Prairie St
GPS Coordinates N36°53'03.599 W89°55'44.598

City/Village &/or Township Bloomfield
County Stoddard State Missouri Zip Code 63825

The front of the Memorial faces: North South ___ East ___ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Probably city
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ 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.) Aluminum Post

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

For Historic Marker or Plaque:Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Aluminum**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 points8 ft Height 3 ft Width 6 inches 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 None

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

See Photographs For Text - Brief Description Follows

- First Stars & Stripes Newspaper: Cast aluminum marker on the west lawn of the Stoddard County Government Building recounts when, where and how the first issue of the United States' military newspaper *The Stars and Stripes* was printed. Sponsored by the Missouri Press Association. (401 S. Prairie St.)

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: _____

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.

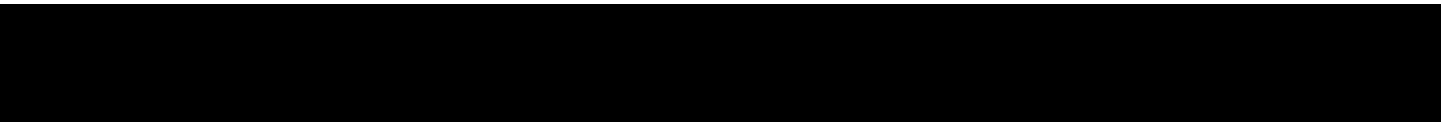
Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 09/03/2016

Your Name Walt Busch

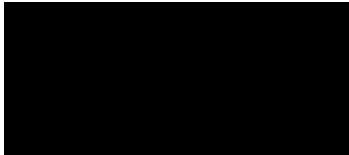


Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

[Sons of Union Veterans](#)

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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