

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. _____) ___ Other Allied Order
 ___ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
 ___ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 Other: CITIZENS OF SPRINGFIELD MO

Original Dedication Date UNKNOWN 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: W 93° 15' 49" N 37° 10' 26"
SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI NATIONAL CEMETERY
 Street/Road address or site location BETWN SEC 25-26 NEAR GEN. LYON BLVD @ W M FREEMAN
 City/Village SPRINGFIELD Township _____ County GREENE

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 SPRINGFIELD NATIONAL CEMETERY Dept./Div. VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION
 Street Address 1702 EAST SEMINOLE ST.
 City SPRINGFIELD State MO Zip Code 65804
 Contact Person UNKNOWN Telephone (417) 881-9499

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

YES, IT HAS BEEN. BELIEVE ORIGINALLY IN TOWN SQUARE THEN MOVED TO CEMETERY. CEMETERY WEBSITE SAYS US GOVT ERECTED MONUMENT IN 1888. PROBABLY DATE MOVED

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.) LIMESTONE & CONCRETE & MARBLE

Material of the Sculpture = Stone ___ Concrete ___ Metal ___ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) WHITE LIMESTONE/MARBLE
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" N/A

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = LIMESTONE/MARBLE

Material of Cannon = N/A 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 18" Width 3 1/2 FT Depth 3 1/2 FT or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 9" 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 N/A

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.

SEE ATTACHED.
MONUMENT FACE IS A FASCES BUNDLE WITH A LION(?) AND SHIELD ATOP IT.
FACE ALSO HAS LAUREL WREATH & CROSSED CANNONS.

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 | ___ Park | ___ Plaza/Courtyard |
| ___ "Town Square" | ___ Post Office | ___ School |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| ___ Courthouse | ___ College Campus | _____ |
| ___ Traffic Circle | ___ 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.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (look for signs of exterior rust)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</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>HEAVILY WORKN</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>NO</u>	<u>MINOR</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
White crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		
<u>N/A</u>		

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) .

LIMESTONE HEAVILY WEATHER WORN - PROBABLY WILL NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT RESTORATION IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

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 17 MAR 2005

US Grant Camp 68 MO SUVCW

Your Name WALTER E. BUSCH

Please send this completed form to:

PAUL LEISTRITZ

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee

**LYON MONUMENT, SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI NATIONAL
CEMETERY**

FRONT (West Side)

Bottom: LYON

**Shield:
Erected by
the citizens of Springfield
to the Memory of
General
Nath'l Lyon
who fell at the Battle of
Wilson Creek
while commanding
the Union Army
Aug. 10, 1861**

BACK: (East Side)

**Shield: Though he died for his country,
Yet he lives in the hearts of his
Countrymen;
Though he fell in war,
In peace he is not forgotten.
Cherishing his virtues,
Commending his patriotism;
We honor his memory.**



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