

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**
(FORM CWM #62)

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Westport Camp #64, Department of Missouri

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Dale Crandell, Secretary-Treasurer

ADDRESS: 7535 Grand Avenue

CITY: Kansas City STATE: MO ZIP CODE: 64114

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT 1916 GAR National Encampment Historical Marker

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Barny Allis Plaza, 301 West 13th, Kansas City, MO 64105 (convention office address)

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) Barney Allis Plaza is an outdoor park and meeting space located in downtown Kansas City bordered by 12th, 13th, Wyandotte, and Central Streets. It is the site of the old Kansas City Convention Hall.

GPS N 39.099 W 94.586 City Kansas City State MO ZIP 64105

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y ___ N X

___ EXISTING MONUMENT X NEW MONUMENT ___ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ 5,000.00 AMOUNT RAISED \$ 0.00 REQUESTED \$ 2,000.00

CHECK PAYABLE TO: SUVCW Westport Camp #64

ADDRESS: 7535 Grand Avenue

CITY: Kansas City State: MO ZIP CODE: 64114-1927

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____			Amount Approved \$ _____		
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 2018-2019 WHO OWNS IT: Donation to City of Kansas City, Missouri

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? SUVCW Westport Camp #64

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? Maybe FROM WHERE: Missouri Department of National Resources, Historical Preservation Fund

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Maybe FROM WHERE: SUVCW Foundation, SUVCWMO Past Commanders Fund, DUVCW, Native Sons & Daughters of Greater Kansas City

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)

This proposal is to place a new historical marker to commemorate the Grand Army of the Republic's 50th National Encampment and Golden Jubilee held August 28 thru September 3, 1916 in Kansas City, Missouri (see attached).

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____
Westport Camp #64, cost estimates from four foundries.

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____
Westport Camp #64, low bidding foundry, and city approved installation contractor.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? SUVCW Westport Camp #64

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

SUVCW Westport Camp #64 is leading the project, raising the funds, contracting the foundry, coordinating with the city, and serving as principle contact for the stakeholders.



1916 GAR National Encampment Historical Marker

This proposal is to place a new historical marker to commemorate the Grand Army of the Republic's 50th National Encampment and Golden Jubilee held August 28 thru September 3, 1916 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Project Budget: The estimated cost is \$5,000:

Aluminum Marker	\$3,500
Shipping	\$500
Installation	\$500
Contingency	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$5,000

Historical Significance: The 1916 GAR National Encampment was special, being the GAR's 50th anniversary and their Golden Jubilee Reunion. It was also the era when an aging GAR was losing thousands of members each year. The *Kansas City Journal* reported during the encampment that "ninety older soldiers hear taps each day" referring to the 33,000 Civil War veterans that died in 1915. Even with members in their 70s and 80s, 4,000 veterans from the GAR accompanied by 6,000 from military bands, the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the GAR paraded through 12 blocks in downtown Kansas City for a crowd the *Kansas City Star* reported at over 100,000.



Marker Description: A traditional 3' wide x 4' tall aluminum marker with raised letters and GAR logo is proposed. The design and shape are meant to match other historical markers in the area, such as the Old French Kansas City marker. The following draft text is proposed:



GAR 50th National Encampment
The Grand Army of the Republic held their 50th National Encampment in Kansas City, Missouri from August 28 through September 3, 1916, meeting on this site at the Kansas City Convention Hall. The GAR was a fraternal organization of veterans of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service who served the Union during the American Civil War, 1861-1865. This

was the GAR's Golden Jubilee Reunion and one of the last large gatherings of Civil War veterans, with the Kansas City Star and Kansas City Journal reporting an estimated 4,000 veterans paraded through downtown Kansas City for a crowd of 100,000 spectators.

Marker Location: The GAR National Encampment was held at the old Kansas City Convention Hall, which is now Kansas City's Barney Allis Plaza, an outdoor meeting venue and green space used for sports events, festivals, convention center overflow, and residents and employees in downtown Kansas City. The GAR marker is proposed for the open space at 13th and Wyandotte, which is the only street-side space without an historical marker. Similar to other historical markers, the GAR marker would be protected from vehicle and pedestrian traffic but still highly visible to people entering Barney Allis Plaza and others traveling to and from the adjacent Kansas City Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium.



13th and Wyandotte



Grand Army of the Republic 1916 Kansas City National Encampment

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) held their National Encampment in Kansas City, August 28 through September 3, 1916, meeting at this site in the Old Kansas City Convention Hall. The GAR was a fraternal organization composed of soldiers and sailors from the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service that served during the American Civil War, 1861-1865. At its peak in 1890, the GAR had over 490,000 members and 7,000 local posts, including eight posts in Kansas City: Admiral Farragut Post #3, McPherson Post #4, G.H. Thomas Post #8, Charles Sumner Post #9, General Shields Post #15, Hightower Post #231, N.M. Gwyanne Post #265, and Buford Veteran Post #381.

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Placed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.