

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:

Sam Rice GAR Post #6

Original Dedication Date July 10, 1919 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 City East Park at ~~Fifth~~ <sup>W. 7th + Chestnut</sup> ~~Corner~~ Streets  
GPS Coordinates 41.404516 - 95.013433

City/Village &/or Township Atlantic  
County Cass State Iowa Zip Code 50022

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Atlantic  
Dept./Div. Parks  
Street Address 1200 Sunnyside Lane  
City Atlantic State Iowa Zip Code 50022  
Contact Person Seth Strasshelm Telephone (712) 243-3542 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? hollow  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) bronze

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:**Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = bronze**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon =      Bronze      Iron Type of Cannon (if known)      Rifled      YES      NOMarkings: 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 points62' Height 9' Width 9' Depth or      Diameterbronze plaques 48" x 24" statues are life size  
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 &amp; location found

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

See attached. There is a lot going on with this monument. Includes 5 statues (inc. Lady Liberty on top). There are 4 bronze plaques with 160 soldiers on each (640 total). These are mostly CW but also includes some from the Sp./Amer War and WWI. There is also a Bettysburg Address plaque

**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 Nice little park.

[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.

*This is one of the most impressive CW monuments in Iowa. Very good condition*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey June 29, 2018

Your Name Tom Gaard

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\_\_\_\_\_ gaard@uiowa.com~~

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

SUVCW Grenville Dodge Camp #75

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
Fenton, MO 63026

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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.**

**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Cass County - Atlantic

**Cass County/Lady Liberty Monument**

This is an impressive 62 foot monument with four bronze soldiers and sailors and bronze plaques listing Cass County veterans. Lady Liberty sets on top of the monument. The statues represent the infantry, artillery, Navy and WWI. There are bronze plaques on each side of the monument representing soldiers from the area. To commemorate restoration work, there was a re-dedication of the monument on 7/13/13 with a photo of members from the Kinsman and Kirkwood SUVCW Camps in Atlantic and Council Bluffs who conducted the ceremony. The original dedication was July 10, 1919 - the poster from that ceremony is shown. The monument commemorates veterans from the Civil War, Spanish-American War and WWI. There is also a more modern Veterans Monument. The location is in a park south of the business district and off Highway 6. Photos taken 7/13/13, 8/19/14 and 6/29/18. Also shown is an old photo, thanks to David Shedlock, with a cannon (non-Civil War) that is now missing.











# DEDICATION

## CASS COUNTY SOLDIERS'

# MONUMENT

## July 10, 1919

### PROGRAMME

Meet at G. A. R. Hall at 1:15 P. M.

March to Site of Monument Led by the Band.

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| Music by Band.....                        | Star Spangled Banner  |
| Invocation.....                           | Rev. J. K. Driver   |
| Community Singing, led by.....            | Rev. F. W. Simpson  |
| Surrender of Monument for Dedication..... | Chairman of Board of Supervisors                            |
| Ritualistic Services.....                 | By Department Officials, G. A. R.                           |
| Dedicatory Address.....                   | Clarendon E. Adams, National Commander-in-chief, G. A. R.   |
| Address.....                              | David J. Palmer, Past National Commander-in-chief, G. A. R. |
| Address.....                              | Hon. Robert G. Cousins                                      |

A cordial invitation is extended to all soldiers of the Civil War, and Auxiliary organizations of G. A. R., also all Spanish and Philippine War Veterans and all soldiers of the World War, and the citizens of Cass and surrounding counties to be with us on that occasion and lend their aid in making this dedication a patriotic success.

We respectfully ask that all business be suspended in the City during the services, and that all buildings be properly decorated.

R. M. MURRAY, Chairman

C. B. CLOVIS, Chairman.

Committee.

J. S. PRESSNALL,

Secretary.