

Court house Monument
Elkader
Clayton Co.

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 Unknown

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

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:

Street/Road address or site location Clayton County Court house
111 N. High ST GPS Coordinates 42.8555 - 91.403233
City/Village &/or Township Elkader
County Clayton State Iowa Zip Code 52043

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Clayton County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 111 High St
City Elkader State Iowa Zip Code 52043
Contact Person _____ Telephone (563) 245-1106 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.) _____

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

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = bronz

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

12' Height 20' Width 8' Depth or Diameter 20" X 30" *Gettysburg Address*

24" X 38" *for bas relief sculptures*
 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 attached - there is a lot in this monument with statues of a soldier and sailor, a bronze plaque of Gettysburg Address, and 2 bas relief sculptures of battle scenes.

The inscriptions are:
 "In honor of our Nations Defenders" and
 "They have won a Nations Gratitude and Undying Laurels not to be forgotten by Future Generations"

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.

There was a great deal of effort by SUVCW members to restore this monument. Don't believe there even was a rededication.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 6-3-21

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address 16541 Valleyview Lane

City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325

Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

Elkader - Courthouse Monument - GPS Coordinates: 42.855500 by -91.403233

This is a very impressive monument at the Clayton County Courthouse. It includes a bronze soldier and sailor, two bas relief panels of battle scenes, Gettysburg Address and an eagle. The courthouse is NE of the river and business district. Extensive repair work was needed on the sailor with some work on the soldier and eagle. Former SUVCW members Ricky Stewart, David Lamb and Court Stahr should be commended for an enormous amount of effort on this project. Ricky Stewart is a talented artist who fabricated the hand and telescope on the sailor and did other repair work. Photos taken 6/3/21.



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

PLEASE:

1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
2. 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

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monument <i>with</i> Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Monument with <i>Cannon</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monument without Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Marker <input type="checkbox"/> Plaque |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.) | |

Affiliation

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> G.A.R. (Post Name & No. <u>Boardman Post 184</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> M.O.L.L.U.S |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) | (Please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRC (Corps Name & No. _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Clayton County Veterans Association</u> | |

Original Dedication Date May 30, 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 Clayton County Courthouse Grounds
 City/Village Elkader Township Boardman County Clayton
 State Iowa

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 Clayton County
 Dept./Div. Board of Supervisors
 Street Address 200 E. Bridge St. City _____
 Elkader State Iowa Zip Code 52043 Contact Person _____
 Dennis Freitag Telephone () 563-245-2166

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

No, it has not been 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.) Gray Granite

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Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Copper
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" Hollow

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = _____
Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____
Is inert ammuniton a part of the Memorial? If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points
Monument or Base: Height 125" Width 216" Depth 96" or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height _____ 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 Left side base of soldier
W. H. Mullins Co. Salem, OH

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.

In Honor of Our Nation's Defenders

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

General Vicinity

Rural (low population, open land)
 Town

Suburban (residential, near city)
 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>X</u> | _____ |
| Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth) | <u>X</u> | <u>X</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>X</u> | _____ |
| Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material) | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> |

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

| | Sculpture | Base |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Black crusting | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| White crusting | _____ | _____ |
| Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal) | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.) | _____ | _____ |
| Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines) | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Chalky or powdery stone | _____ | _____ |
| Granular eroding of stone | _____ | _____ |
| Spalling of stone (surface splitting off) | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains) | _____ | _____ |
| Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe... The patina on the copper sculptures has gone to black | _____ | _____ |

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) .

The patina has gone to black. Originally a warm brown accomplished using liver sulfur and coated with a spar varnish.

The varnish has worn away.

Otherwise the over all condition was covered in Form #62 included in the mailing along with photos.

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 July 2011 & Again June 2012

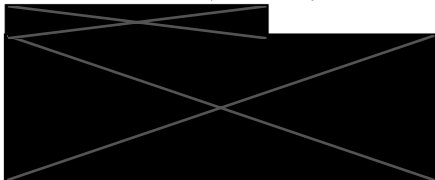
Your Name Rick Stewart, David Lamb, & Court Stahr



What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Abernethy Camp # 48, SUVCW, Department of Iowa

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

Clayton County Soldier & Sailor Monument Description & Measurements

Base which Holds all the Statues & Panels:

1. Gray Granite
2. 125 in. High x 216 in. Wide x 96 in. Deep

There are four plaques and three statues which decorate the Clayton County Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Available descriptions were taken from The W. H. Mullins Company, the manufacturer, 1913 catalog, *The Blue & the Gray*.

Standard Bronze Relief Panels: 2 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 in.

1. Infantry Charge
2. Cavalry Charge

Eagle: No. 5241 – 40 in. spread of wings

Infantryman at Parade Rest (Not in the 1913 Catalog): Similar to No. 4749 but w/o Backpack

1. 6 ft. High above base
2. Base: 18 in. x 18 in. x 4 in.

Sailor: No. 4750-A

1. 6 ft. High Above Base
2. Base: 20 in. x 20 in. x 5 in.

Lincoln Gettysburg Address Bronze Relief Panel:

1. Measurements: 32.5" H x 20" W x 1" Deep
2. Not in the 1913 Mullins' Catalog

Dedication Bronze Relief Panel

1. Measurements: 8.25" H x 46" W x 1" Deep
2. Not in the 1913 Mullins' Catalog

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**

(FORM CWM #62)
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Abemethy Camp 48; Department of Iowa

(Please print or type)

ADDRESS: 10400 Echo Valley Rd.

CITY: West Union

STATE: Iowa

ZIP CODE: 52175

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Court Stahr, PDC

ADDRESS: 

CITY: West Union

STATE: Iowa

ZIP CODE: 52175

PHONE(S): 

E-MAIL: 

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: Clayton County Soldiers and Sailors Monument

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street) _____

GPS Coordinates: 42.855500 by -91.403233

Clayton County Courthouse Grounds

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: Dedicated on May 30, 1919

WHO OWNS IT: Clayton County, Iowa

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: Clayton County Board of Supervisors

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: No FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: Fund raising efforts by
SVR Unit, Co. A, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment, The Governor's Own

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: The Full Amount of \$1000.00

DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary)

The Clayton County Soldiers & Sailors Monument consists of many separate items in need of repair and refurbishing.

The Sailor is missing his right hand/wrist; the nautical Spyglass, which the right hand held; the Boatswain Whistle which was hanging from the chain around his neck, many holes from corrosion, plus his chest was caved in.

The Soldier's musket is missing the trigger guard and trigger. There will be a more in depth inspection once the Soldier is in the preservationists studio in Newton, IA. The Eagle is another unknown until it can be taken down from its 'perch' and inspected.

However, after viewing the Sailor, it can only logically be concluded that there will be the same amount of natural deterioration on both the Soldier and Eagle. (Over, Please)

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____

Rick Stewart, a professional sculptor <http://www.newtdailynews.com/articles/2008/08/28/news/local1.txt> plus SUVCW Brothers

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____

Rick Stewart, a professional sculptor <http://www.newtdailynews.com/articles/2008/08/28/news/local1.txt> plus SUVCW Brothers

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: Rick Stewart donates the lion's portion of his labors to our cause,

so he will receive whatever funds are collected. This is what Brother Stewart does for a living.

All the plaques will require cleaning, followed by a protective coating per the recommendation of our preservationist, Rick Stewart.

Overall, the monument's stone is terribly stained and will also require a great deal of dedicated time to its thorough cleaning.

Plus, the mortar between the various stone is deteriorated or missing. This will require attention.

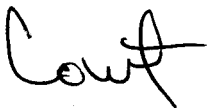
The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles and the *Abemethy Camp # 48* have, in October, 2011, conducted a two day meet & greet at the Carter House Museum in Elkader to raise awareness and funds for the Clayton County Soldiers & Sailors Monument.

This will be followed up with a by invitation presentation to the Elkader Chamber of Commerce and city powers-that-be in 2012.

As Elkader, Iowa, is located in the extreme NE corner of the state, all participating fund raising members except one, need to drive many miles and hours to accomplish the task; which they gladly volunteer.

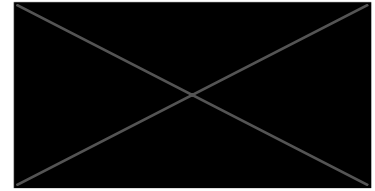
Please contact me if there is further information required.

Thank you,
Yours in F, C, & L,



Court Stahr, PDC
SUVCW, Department of Iowa
1st Corporal
SVR, *The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles*
www.iowavalor.com

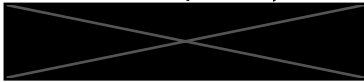




Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, Chair



Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC



Greetings Brothers,

I am writing to ask financial support for the restoration of the Clayton County Soldiers & Sailors Monument located in Elkader, Iowa.

Along with this cover letter are completed forms CWM #61 & CWM #62. Plus, there are three photo sheets clearly showing the work that is currently in progress and the work to be completed.

I am including the three of you gentlemen in this mailing as I believe both forms will be beneficial to your respective roles in monument preservation and documentation.

As the camp organizer and a charter member of Abernethy Camp #48 from West Union, Iowa, which is the closest Camp to Elkader, Iowa where the monument stands, and a co-founding member of SVR unit, Co. A, 49th Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry who is spearheading this restoration, I am submitting this application for support funding from our National Organization.

The *Clayton County Soldiers & Sailors Monument* was dedicated on Decoration Day, 1919, six and one-half months after the Armistice was signed to *End the War to End All Wars*.

In 92° temperatures, Clayton County veterans, including sixty veterans from *The World War* and eight remaining members of *The Grand Army of the Republic* took an active role that day.

Sadly, the monument was vandalized around 1975; I have verified photographic evidence of an unharmed monument from 1973 and a disfigured monument taken in 1976.

Desolately, this monument has remained in this deteriorating condition since that time.

Fortunately there is an organization like ours, *The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, who have a deep, all encompassing passion & understanding for who those monuments identify.

We see more than just the stone and metal others see, we see the men, our ancestors, who first viewed these monuments and participated in their dedications.

I thank you for your time and consideration for my financial support request.

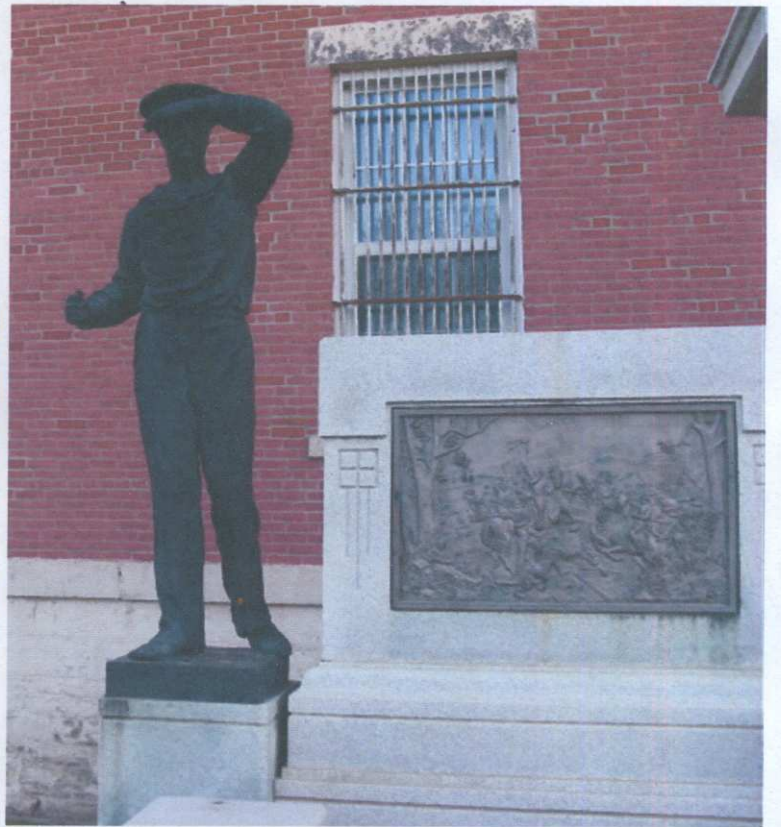
Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

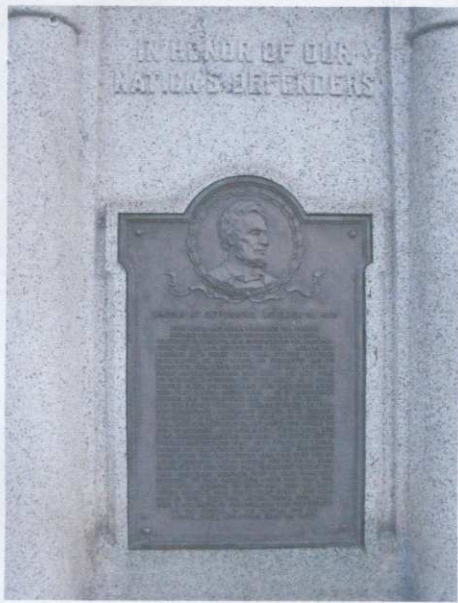
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Court". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Court Stahr, PDC
SUVCW, Department of Iowa
1st/Corporal
SVR, *The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles*
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SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST

2011 - 2012

GRANT REQUEST # 2011-2012-12

Camp/Dept: Abernethy Camp 48, Dept. of Iowa

Monument Location: Clayton County Courthouse Grounds, Elkader, IA

GPS Coordinates: 42.855500 by -91.403233

Contact Person: Court Stahr

Check Payable to: Rick Stewart

Amount Requested: \$1,000.00

Total cost of project: \$17,000.00

Amount Approved: \$500.00

Existing Monument X **New Monument** _____ **Last Soldier Project** _____

Please initial your vote next to your name, then sign and date below, once completed, fax or email to Bob Petrovic, Fax# 636-274-4568, Email; rpetro7776@aol.com, who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.

Approved Denied Tabled

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC *RMP*

Tad D. Campbell, PDC *TDC*

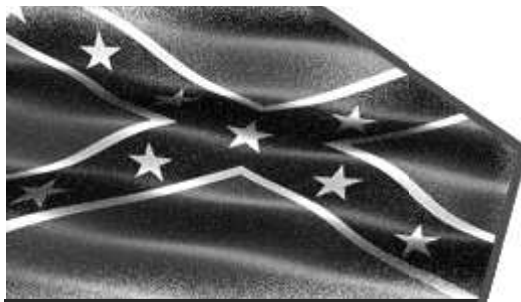
Bill Vierra, PDC

Signature *Robert M. Petrovic* **Date** *6/27/12*

Signature *J. G. ...* **Date** *7-6-2012*

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Courthouse Monument

This is a very impressive monument at the Clayton County Courthouse. It includes a bronze soldier and sailor, two bas relief panels of battle scenes, Gettysburg Address and an eagle. The courthouse is NE of the river and business district. Photo taken 3/25/08.



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