

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 ⁴ Cannons 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

Erected by his his comrades with citizens and school children
If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:
in Council Bluffs

Original Dedication Date May 17 1902 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 Fairview Cemetery 308 Lafayette Ave.
GPS Coordinates 41.27230 -95.850316
City/Village &/or Township Council Bluffs
County Pottawattamie State Iowa Zip Code 51503

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Council Bluffs
Dept./Div. City Clerk
Street Address 209 Pearl St-
City Council Bluffs State Iowa Zip Code 51503
Contact Person _____ Telephone (412) 890-5261 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? _____
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

these are identical

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) *No. 4 10 34 35*
32 Pounder Seacoast Guns
6.4" bore diameter *125" tube length* Rifled YES NO
Markings: Muzzle *U.S. on top* 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

22' Height *28"* Width *28"* Depth or _____ Diameter
(inscriptions)
58" *58" (base)*

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
his image - on S. side
"Teacher in the public schools of Council Bluffs,
Lieutenant + Captain Co. B. 4th Iowa Infantry
Lt. Colonel and Colonel 23rd Iowa Infantry" East side
"Erected by his comrades with citizens and school
children in Council Bluffs, Iowa May 17, 1902" - West
(this side hard to read) side

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 located in a remote spot in an old hilly cemetery. A number of CW headstones circle the monument.
 [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 an outstanding, impressive monument dedicated to a CW hero. Generally in pretty good condition.*

Inspector Identification Date of On-site Survey 5/10/18
 Your Name Tom GAARD

 _____

 Mail gaardt@aol.com

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

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Pottawattamie County - Council Bluffs

Kinsman Monument and Cannons

This is a stunning memorial to Col. William Kinsman. Col. Kinsman led the 23rd Iowa Regiment in a charge at Big Black River, Mississippi on May 17, 1863. He was wounded severely and died the next day. The monument includes a bronze plaque with a likeness of Col. Kinsman. His remains were returned to Council Bluffs and the monument was dedicated May 17, 1902. It is surrounded by 4 huge cannons. These are identical 32 pounder seacoast guns, M1829, cast at West Point Foundry in 1829. The markings on the muzzle face show the initials of the inspector and the foundry registration number. It also has a circular "scare" - the result of a metallurgy test performed on the cannon. The monument is located in the northern section of historic Fairview Cemetery. Take Oakland Avenue north off Kanessville Blvd/Highway 6. Photos were taken 9/1/08 - the cannon photo was taken 5/10/18.

A Remembrance Ceremony in honor of Col. Kinsman was held on June 20, 2009 and attended by relatives of Col. Kinsman. Shown in the photo below are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kinsman and son Benjamin from Vancouver, BC along with members from the SUVCW Kirkwood Camp #4 and Kinsman Camp #23. The final image is a copy of an old undated postcard furnished by Danny Krock - note that there is a ball at the top of the monument that is missing today.



KINSMAN

BY MID-MAY 1863, THE UNION FORCES OF MAJOR GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT HAD CAPTURED JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND WHEELED WEST TO ATTACK AND ENCIRCLE VICKSBURG. IN THE VANGUARD OF THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WAS THE TWENTY-THIRD IOWA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMANDED BY COLONEL WILLIAM H. KINSMAN OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

ON THE MORNING OF MAY 16, 1863, THE TWENTY-THIRD LED THE CHARGE AGAINST THE CONFEDERATE TROOPS DEFENDING THE BLACK RIVER, THE LAST NATURAL BARRIER PROTECTING THE SOUTH'S REMAINING VITAL CITY ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. KINSMAN WAS FATALLY WOUNDED AS HE LED THE IOWANS INTO A VOLLEY OF CONFEDERATE FIRE. HE DIED THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND WAS BURIED AT THE BATTLE SITE.

IN THE LATE 1800'S, VETERANS OF KINSMAN'S COMMAND, WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND HELP OF GENERAL GRENVILLE M. DODGE, RECOVERED AND RETURNED THE COLONEL'S REMAINS TO COUNCIL BLUFFS. ON MAY 17, 1902, THE MONUMENT CELEBRATING THE COLONEL'S LIFE, MILITARY CAREER AND DEVOTION TO THE UNION WAS DEDICATED. GENERAL DODGE PRESIDED AT THE CEREMONY.

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COLONEL WILLIAM H. KINSMAN



BORN JULY 11, 1832, IN CORNIVALLIS
NOVA SCOTIA. KILLED IN BATTLE OF
BLACK RIVER BAYOU MAY 17, 1863.





**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: Col. William H. Kinsman Camp #23, Dept. of Iowa

ADDRESS: POB 42, 343 N. Locust St.,

CITY: Carson

STATE: IA ZIP CODE: 51525-0042

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Michael W. Carr, Dept. Commander

ADDRESS: POB 42, 343 N. Locust St.,

CITY: Carson

STATE: IA ZIP CODE: 51525-0042



MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT INFORMATION

NAME OF MEMORIAL: Colonel William H. Kinsman Memorial

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street) Fairview Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1902

WHO OWNS IT: City of Council Bluffs

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: City of Council Bluffs

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE? YES FROM WHERE: Kirkwood Camp #4 ,
Kinsman Camp #23, Dept. of Iowa Sesquicentennial Committee

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? YES FROM WHERE: Parks Dept. and
Parks Dept. and the Gen. Grenville M. Dodge Family Trust

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$500

WAS A GRANT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? NO

DATE RECEIVED _____ AMOUNT (\$) _____

TOTAL COST OF RESTORATION PROJECT: \$8,000

DESCRIBE WORK THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet, if necessary)
The base of the Monument will be stripped and recovered to prevent water damage. The surrounding
exterior wall (sandstone) will be cleaned. The interior of the surrounding wall will be stripped of all
old plaster and recovered. The burning bush shrubs will be removed from the site to enable the
work to be expeditiously completed on the wall and prevent any damage from root invasion of the
wall foundation.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____
Mark Andersen, appraiser Andersen Construction, & John Batt, assistant director City Public Property


WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____
Council Bluffs Public Works will award the work to the low bidder for the project

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS, **IF GRANTED?** (if other than requestor, provide complete mailing address) _____
Council Bluffs, Parks, Recreation & Public Property Dept., 209 Pearl St., Council Bluffs, IA 51503

FORM PREPARED BY: Michael W. Carr, Dept. Commander

ADDRESS: POB 42, 343 N. Locust. St.,

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Carson, IA 51525-0042

SIGNATURE: 

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST
2011 - 2012**

GRANT REQUEST # 2011-2012-11

Camp/Dept: Col. William H. Kinsman Camp 23, Dept of Iowa

Monument Location: Fairview Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Contact Person: Michael W. Carr, Dept. Commander

**Check Payable to: Council Bluffs Parks, Recreation & Public Property Dept.
Address: 209 Pearl St., Council Bluffs, IA 51503**

Amount Requested: \$500.00

Total cost of project: \$8,000.00

Amount Approved: \$250.00

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

**Please initial your vote next to your name, then sign and date below, once completed,
_____ who will
send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.**

Approved Denied Tabled

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

Tad D. Campbell, PDC *TDC*

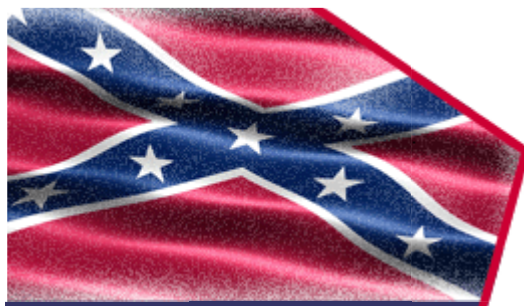
Bill Vierra, PDC

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

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

Signature _____

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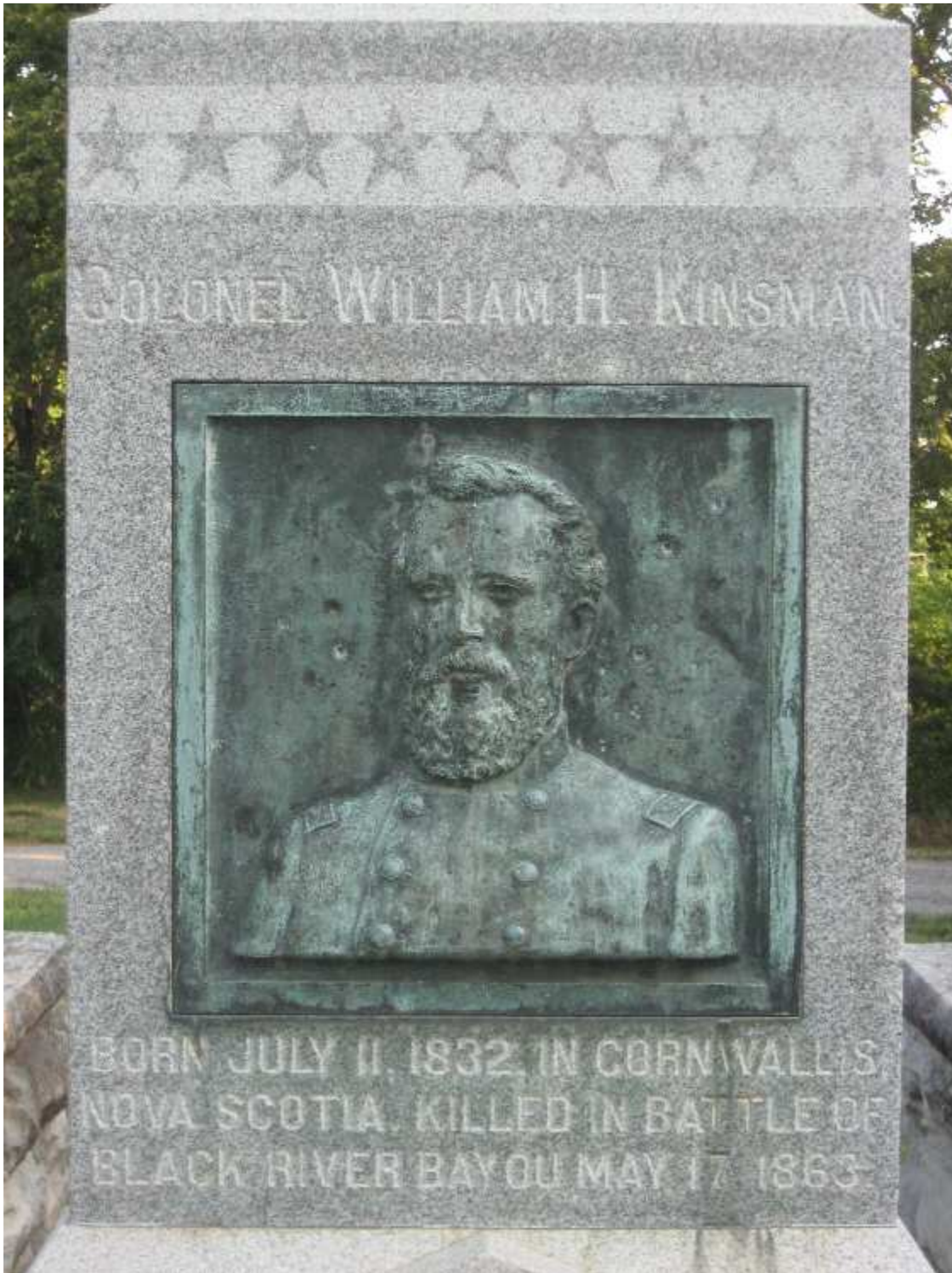
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