

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 Union Veterans Legion

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

This is shown as the 8th Encampment for the Union Veterans Legion

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1904 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 Walnut Hills Cemetery
1350 E. Pierce Ave. GPS Coordinates 41.272767 - 95.82575
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 Walnut Hills Cemetery
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 1350 E. Pierce Ave
City Council Bluffs State Iowa Zip Code 51503
Contact Person _____ Telephone (712) 328-1579 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.) _____

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- Cemetery
- School
- Traffic Circle
- Park
- Municipal Building
- Library
- Plaza/Courtyard
- State Capitol
- Other: _____
- "Town Square"
- Courthouse
- Post Office
- College Campus

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 In a remote area in old cemetery.

[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.

The granite part of the monument looks good but concrete base and steps are broken up.

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?

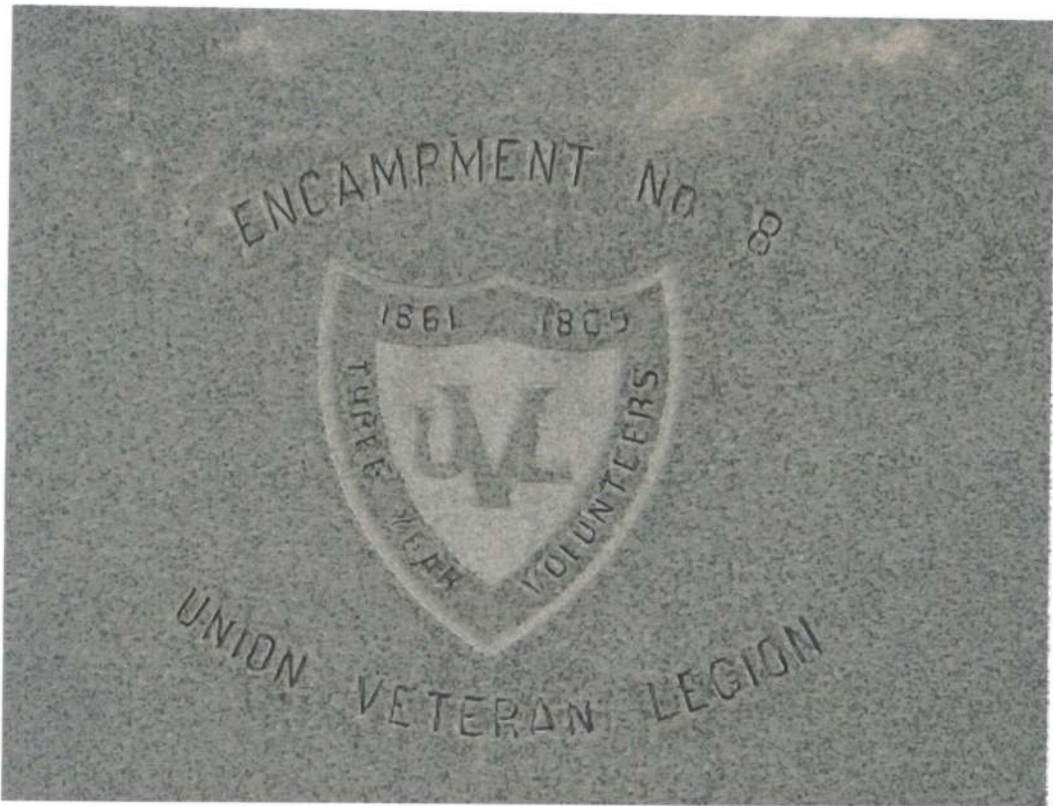
SUVCW Gen. Grenville Dodge Camp #75

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.



ERECTED MAY 30 1904
TO THE MEMORY OF COMPANES WHO SERVED DURING
THE CIVIL WAR 1861 TO 1865
ENCAMPMENT ORGANIZED AUG 9 1886

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

Union Veterans Legion Monument

This monument is in the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs. It was erected May 30, 1904. Membership in the Union Veterans Legion required volunteering prior to July 1, 1863 for a term of 3 years and being honorably discharged. Service had to be at least 2 years if the discharge was due to battlefield wounds. Membership in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), where any veteran was eligible, was much more common. There is little record of the Legion in Iowa and this is its only known monument. The cemetery is on the east side of the city - take Highway 6 to North Avenue then turn south one block to E. Pierce Street and follow it to Walnut Hill. The monument is on the road to the left or west side of the cemetery. Thank you to Richard Hickman for notification of this unusual monument and the excellent photos. The photos were taken 8/27/12.

