

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:

appears to be City project to raise funds for monument
\$11,500 in 1919

Original Dedication Date 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 Central Park Court + Forth streets
 GPS Coordinates 41.019466 - 92.410833
 City/Village &/or Township Ottumwa
 County Wapello State Iowa Zip Code 52501

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Ottumwa
 Dept./Div. Parks Dept.
 Street Address 101 Church St.
 City Ottumwa State Iowa Zip Code _____
 Contact Person Gene Rathje Telephone (641) 682-7873 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? unknown

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) light grey granite

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

close to Court House and Library

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.

impressive monument kept in good condition

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8-14-19

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address 16541 Valleyview Lane

City Clive State IA Zip Code 50325

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

SUVCW Dodge Camp #75 Des Moines, Iowa

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.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Wapello County - Ottumwa

Soldiers and Sailors Monument

This monument, also known as the Eagle Monument, is very striking with an eagle on top, four bas relief panels by David Edstrom and a bronze plaque with about 2400 Civil War soldiers from the county. David Edstrom lived in Ottumwa and later went on to become a world famous sculpture artist. The bas relief panels are titled – Going to war, Battle, Death, and Reconstruction. Also shown is one of four bronze panels - these are located just below the monument to the south. The monument is about 25 feet high and was erected in 1919. It is located in Central Park at the corner of Court and Fourth streets. It is across the street from the Wapello County courthouse which is shown in the background of the photo. Photos taken 12/14/07 and 8/13/19.



