

* Veterans Memorial Building
Cedar Rapids

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
T.2. Cook Post 235
No. 11
(for cannon)

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

DuVew Tent 14 (for plaque to GAR)

Original Dedication Date *Sept, 1933* *for plaque to GAR*
 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 *Veterans Memorial Building*
50 2nd Ave. Bridge GPS Coordinates _____
 City/Village &/or Township *Cedar Rapids*
 County *Linn* State *Iowa* Zip Code *52401*

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☒ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name *City of Cedar Rapids*
 Dept./Div. *Veterans Memorial Commission*
 Street Address *50 2nd Ave. Bridge 3rd Floor*
 City *Cedar Rapids* State *Iowa* Zip Code *52401*
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (319) *286-5038* ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☒ Yes ☐ No ID # if known _____
(The Building is)

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.) *wooden*

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

>This form may be photocopied.<

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* While there is much of interest in this building, the only items reported here that probably qualify as CW memorials are the Cannon and two plaques.

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) M1935 12 pounder mountain howitzer
cast at Cyrus Alger & Co. in 1862 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 points42" ~~26~~ Height 26" Width _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

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

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 The building has been wonderfully restored after severe flood in 2008. It is best known for the Grant Wood stained glass mural. There are rooms on each side of entrance with artifacts of wars.

[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.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8-23-19
 Your Name Tom Gaard
 Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
 City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one? SUVCW
Des Moines 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
Linn County - Cedar Rapids

Veterans Memorial Building with Grant Wood Stained Glass Window

This building is a memorial with several wonderful Civil War items, including the stained glass memorial window designed by Grant Wood. The window includes a 16 foot "Lady of Mourning" and life size soldiers from the Revolutionary War through WWI. The window was completed in 1929. There are several plaques and a 12 pounder bronze mountain howitzer, M1835, cast at Cyrus Alger & Co. in 1862. It has an inscription saying it was captured in Philadelphia, Tennessee in 1863. There are two small military museums with military artifacts on each side of the lobby. The building is on an island in the Cedar River just west of the business district. Photos taken 3/11/08, 5/1/09, and 8/23/19.

Due to severe flooding on June 11 and 12, 2008, the building had been closed. The basement was completely flooded and there was a foot of water on the first floor (shown in photo). The auditorium floor was destroyed. The stained glass window has been repaired. On a return visit on 8/23/19, the restoration was complete and everything looked great in this wonderful memorial building.





