

# 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:

Gen. Grenville M. Dodge Auxiliary

**Original Dedication Date** 1925 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 Red head Park E18th + Dean Ave.  
 GPS Coordinates 41.591566 - 93.587416

City/Village &/or Township Des Moines  
 County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50316

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

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name City of Des Moines  
 Dept./Div. Park + Recreation  
 Street Address 1551 E. MLK, Jr. Parkway  
 City Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 50317  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (sis) 237-1386 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.) large granite rock

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 = bronze**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon =      Bronze      Iron Type of Cannon (if known)      Rifled      YES      NOMarkings: 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 points12" Height 24" 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 &amp; 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 attachment for information on plaque.*



**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.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 9-17-16

Your Name Tom Gaard

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

SUVCW Grenville Dodge Comp #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**  
**Polk County - Des Moines**

**Camp Burnside Marker**

This plaque marks the spot of Camp Burnside where the Iowa 23rd and 39th Regiments were assembled and trained in 1862. It is located in the SE corner of Redhead Park at E 18th and Dean on the east side of Des Moines. It was dedicated in 1925 by the SUVCW Dodge Camp Auxiliary. In 2016 attractive landscaping was planted in front of the Monument. The first photo was taken 4/30/09 - the second one 9/17/16.





